



GRANT PROGRAMS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) administers 21 grant programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and subsequent legislation. These grant programs are designed to develop the nation's capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable.

Children and Youth Exposed to Violence Program

This discretionary grant program funds projects that seek to mitigate the effects of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on children and youth exposed to violence and reduce the risk of future victimization or perpetration of violence. The program supports projects that provide services for children including direct counseling, advocacy, or mentoring and projects that provide for training, coordination and advocacy for programs that serve children and youth. Projects funded to provide services for children under this grant program must include support for the nonabusing parent or the child's caretaker.

Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (Arrest Program)

This discretionary grant program is designed to encourage state, local, and tribal governments, and state, local, and tribal courts to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. Eligible applicants are states and territories; units of local government; Indian tribal governments; and state, local, tribal, and territorial courts.

Court Training and Improvements Program

This discretionary grant program creates a unique opportunity for Federal, State, Territorial, and Tribal courts or court-based programs to significantly improve court responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking cases utilizing proven specialized court processes to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

This discretionary grant program supports the development of innovative culturally and linguistically specific strategies and projects to enhance access to services and resources for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Eligible

applicants are community-based programs whose primary purpose is providing culturally and linguistically specific services.

Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against individuals with disabilities and to provide direct services to such individuals. Eligible applicants are states; units of local government; Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations; and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations.

Engaging Men and Youth Program

This discretionary grant program will fund projects that develop or enhance new or existing efforts to engage men and youth in preventing crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking with the goal of developing mutually respectful, nonviolent relationships. Eligible applicants are nongovernmental domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victim service providers or coalitions; community-based child or youth services organizations with demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing the needs and concerns of young people; state, territorial, tribal, or local governmental entities that are partnered with service providers; and programs that provide culturally specific services.

Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against victims who are 50 years of age or older through training and services. Eligible applicants include states and territories; Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations; units of local government; and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting elderly women or



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demonstrated experience in addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to strengthen the higher education community's response to sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence crimes on campuses and to enhance collaboration among campuses, local law enforcement, and victim advocacy organizations. Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education.

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to strengthen civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit entities, territorial organizations, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity, such as law schools. Three percent of the funding for this program is set aside for grants to programs that assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on lands within the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Assistance Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to enhance services available for child, youth, and adult victims in rural communities by encouraging community involvement in developing a coordinated response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Eligible applicants are states and territories; Indian tribes; local governments; and nonprofit, public or private entities, including tribal nonprofit organizations, proposing to serve rural areas or rural communities. Not less than 75 percent of the total funding available for the program is for eligible entities located in rural states. Depending on the size of appropriations, 25–40 percent is set aside for services that meaningfully address sexual assault.

Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Grant Program

This discretionary grant program will fund projects that design (or replicate) and implement programs and services—using established domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking intervention models—to respond to the needs of youth who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Sexual Assault Service Program (SASP)

This formula grant program is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. The SASP supports efforts to help survivors heal from sexual assault trauma through direct intervention and related assistance from social service organizations such as rape crisis centers through 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, crisis intervention, and medical and criminal justice accompaniment. The SASP supports such services through the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and other programs and projects to assist those victimized by sexual assault. The SASP encompasses five different funding streams for States and Territories, Tribes, State and Tribal Sexual Assault Coalitions, and culturally specific organizations. It is administered as one formula program and two independent discretionary programs (noted below). Additionally, there are set-asides for state and territorial sexual assault coalitions and tribal coalitions.

Tribal SASP SASP-Cultural

These discretionary grant programs support victims of sexual assault in tribal communities and culturally and linguistically specific communities respectively. Eligible applicants for Tribal SASP are tribal governments, and eligible applicants for SASP-Cultural are non profit organizations.



State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program

This discretionary program provides grants to each state domestic violence coalition (as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services) and sexual assault coalition (as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for the purposes of coordinating state victim services activities and collaborating and coordinating with federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities.

Services, Training, Education and Policies to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in Secondary Schools Grant Program (STEP)

This discretionary grant program is designed to support projects that provide training to school administrators, faculty, and staff; develop policies and procedures for response; provide support services; develop effective prevention strategies; and collaborate with mentoring organizations to support middle and high school students who have experienced or are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

This formula grant program awards states and territories to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims. Each state and territory must allocate 25 percent of the grant funds for law enforcement, 25 percent for prosecution, 5 percent for courts, and 30 percent for victim services.

Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program

This discretionary grant program helps create safe places for visitation with and exchange of children in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments.

Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program

This discretionary grant program provides transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services for individuals who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance as a result of fleeing a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and other organizations that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Tribal Governments Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against Indian women, enhance victim safety, and develop education and prevention strategies. Eligible applicants are recognized Indian tribal governments or their authorized designees. OVW's Grants to Tribal Governments Program was successfully incorporated into the Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) in FY2010. The Tribal Governments Program will again be incorporated into the CTAS Solicitation in FY2011.

Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women, enhance the response to such violence at the tribal, federal, and state levels, and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities. Eligible applicants are established nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions addressing domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women and individuals or organizations that propose to incorporate as nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions.

For posted solicitations and program details, please visit www.ovw.usdoj.gov.

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