



OVW Fiscal Year 2012 Technical Assistance Program

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to nonprofit national, tribal or statewide organizations and institutions of higher education.
(See "Eligibility," page 4)

Deadline

All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. E.T. on April 17, 2012
(See "Deadline: Application," page 4)

To ensure all applicants have ample time to complete the registration process through Grants.gov, applicants should register online with Grants.gov by April 3, 2012.

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact OVW at (202) 307-6026.

In Fiscal Year 2012, OVW applications will be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with Grants.gov contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

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It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by September 30, 2012.

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OVW Technical Assistance Program (CFDA 16.526)

Overview

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Created in 1995, OVW implements the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Since its inception, OVW has supported a multifaceted approach to responding to these crimes through implementation of grant programs authorized by VAWA. By forging State, local and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, and others, OVW grants help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes. For general information on OVW grant programs please see the OVW Fiscal Year 2012 Grant Program Solicitation Reference Guide (Reference Guide) at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/resource-guidebook.pdf>.

About the OVW Technical Assistance Program

Since 1995, OVW's Technical Assistance Program has provided OVW grantees with the training, expertise, and problem-solving strategies they need to meet the challenges of addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. OVW's technical assistance projects have offered educational opportunities, conferences, peer-to-peer consultations, site visits, and tailored assistance that has allowed OVW grantees and potential grantees to learn from experts and one another about how to effectively respond to crimes of violence against women.

In shaping its technical assistance program, OVW has actively solicited input from its grantees to ensure that efforts are responsive to the needs and concerns of local communities. As part of its commitment to continuous improvement, OVW seeks feedback on a regular basis from its grant recipients so that the technical assistance can be enhanced and refined as necessary to meet these needs.

The primary purpose of the OVW TA Program is to provide direct technical assistance to grantees and subgrantees to enhance and support their efforts to successfully implement local projects supported by OVW grant funds. In addition, OVW is focused on building the capacity of criminal justice and victim services organizations to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and fostering partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address violence against women.

Deadlines

Application

The deadline for applying for funding under this grant announcement is 11:59 p.m. EST on April 17, 2012. Applications submitted after 11:59 p.m. EST on April 17, 2012 will not be considered for funding.

Note: For applicants without Internet access, who cannot submit an application electronically, please contact the OVW Technical Assistance Point of Contact (202) 307-6026 no later than April 3, 2012 to request permission to submit an application by alternative means.

Registration

The **Grants.gov** registration deadline is April 3, 2012. It is strongly encouraged that applicants begin the registration process well in advance of the deadline. For more information on the process of registering with Grants.gov, please see the [Reference Guide](#).

Eligibility

It is very important that you review this information carefully. Applications that are submitted by ineligible entities will not be considered for funding.

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities for this program are limited to nonprofit national, tribal, or statewide organizations and institutions of higher education. Eligible applicants must have the capacity to provide training and technical assistance on a national level. Applicants may partner with one or more organizations to ensure the appropriate expertise is available to implement the proposed project successfully.

Please note that OVW will not accept applications from individuals, governments or governmental agencies, i.e., police departments, prosecutor's offices, or probation departments.

Types of Applicants

Organizations currently funded through the OVW Technical Assistance Program must apply through this solicitation to be eligible to receive continuation or supplemental funds for an existing project. Organizations that received or are receiving an 18, 24 or 36 month award under the FY 2011 Technical Assistance solicitation are not eligible to apply for a supplement to their FY 2011 award under this solicitation. However, these organizations may submit an application for a new project that addresses one or more of the targeted topic areas listed in this solicitation, or to supplement a project awarded in FY 2010.

Award Information

Award Period

All awards will be issued as cooperative agreements. The award period for these cooperative agreements will generally be 12, 24, or 36 months. For 12, 24, or 36-month projects, **budgets must reflect 12, 24, or 36 months of project activity and the total “estimated funding” (block 15) on the SF-424 must reflect this amount.**

If a project is funded as a comprehensive project (see *Program Scope- Comprehensive Technical Assistance Projects* below), it will be funded for five years. Five-year projects will initially receive 24 months of funding. Depending on the success of the first two years of the project, an organization will non-competitively apply for the remaining 36 months of funds in FY 2014. Therefore, for five year projects, **budgets must reflect 24 months of project activity and the total “estimated funding” (block 15) on the SF-424 must reflect this amount.**

Award Amounts

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs and anticipated program funding availability. OVW has limited funds available to support technical assistance for all of its grantees, and therefore, **all applicants should exercise discretion when developing their budgets.**

Funding levels under the OVW Technical Assistance Program for FY 2012 are as follows:

- Twelve month projects are eligible for up to \$225,000.
- Twenty-four month projects are eligible for up to \$450,000.
- Thirty-six month projects are eligible for up to \$700,000.

Organizations applying for five-year comprehensive projects should seriously consider the amount of money it will take to implement such a project, clearly present the costs and clearly justify all costs for the project. FY 2012 applications for five-year comprehensive projects will only budget for the first 24 months of the project.

OVW has the discretion to award cooperative agreements for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a cooperative agreement.

Projects targeting the recipients of STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program subgrants, Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program subgrants or Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions must include sufficient funds to cover grantee and subgrantee travel expenses.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Funding is not guaranteed. Applicants should be aware that the amount of technical assistance funding available under each program does vary and should take this under consideration when developing their technical assistance proposal (i.e., larger programs have more technical assistance funds available to serve a larger number of grantees).

Program Scope

Overall, the OVW Technical Assistance Program is highly competitive. Technical assistance funds derive from statutorily-defined percentages from each of the OVW grant programs, hence smaller programs have smaller amounts of technical assistance funds available, making them more competitive than the larger programs. Because the funding comes from the OVW grant programs, technical assistance activities must be tied to purpose areas of the programs (see Appendix A), and OVW technical assistance must be provided to OVW grantees or potential grantees. To learn more about OVW's grant programs, go to www.ovw.usdoj.gov and click on "OVW Grant Programs."

All OVW technical assistance projects must provide training and technical assistance on a *national* level. Local and regional projects will not be considered for funding, nor will projects that focus on the needs of a single State or tribe (with the exception of technical assistance designed to address the unique needs of Alaska Natives and Alaska Native Villages). OVW will consider, on a limited basis, projects targeting multi-state or multi-tribal grantees.

Targeted Technical Assistance Projects

OVW seeks applications that address the targeted topic areas identified below. All applications must be tied to one or more of the purpose areas listed in Appendix A and must predominantly serve the grant or subgrant recipients or potential grant or subgrant recipients of one or more OVW grant programs. An individual application should be very targeted in its purpose and, when appropriate, focus on grant recipients from one OVW program rather than multiple programs.

In addition, if an applicant wishes to submit an application that does not address one of the topic areas listed below, they may do so, but they will be required to submit additional justification regarding the need for the project, how it relates to an OVW program purpose area (Appendix A), and the intended grantee audience.

Organizations may submit applications covering multiple topic areas; however, they must submit separate and distinct applications for each project. Due to limited funding, when possible, organizations should refrain from submitting more than one application targeting a single OVW program.

OVW is interested in supporting the following targeted technical assistance topic areas:

- Provide basic and/or advanced training on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking for: probation officials; court personnel; Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs); child protection officials; mental health professionals; judges; faith-based organization staffers; law enforcement officers; prosecutors; housing providers; non-profit, nongovernmental victim advocates; and other relevant partners responding to such crimes.
- Provide planning and logistical support for an annual two-day grantee orientation conference for the Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program.
- Provide training to tribal government victim advocates on how to establish sexual assault advocacy services.

- Provide training and technical assistance on program development and implementation for the Grantees to Indian Tribal Governments Program.
- Develop and implement a peer-to-peer training and technical assistance program for tribal leaders and tribal program staff on addressing violence against women in tribal communities.
- Develop and implement culturally specific training and technical assistance addressing the unique challenges that Alaska Native Villages face when addressing and responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.
- Provide basic and advanced training on sexual assault to tribal domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit coalitions.
- Provide training and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions and their staff, their member organizations and their boards of directors.
- Provide training and technical assistance to tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to develop capacity building strategies for tribal communities to provide innovative approaches and procedures for establishing and operating victim centered services for their member tribes.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the implementation of multi-agency, multi-disciplinary service center models designed to meet the needs of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking victims.
- Provide trial advocacy and/or litigation skills training for attorneys who represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.
- Provide technical assistance on developing sexual assault law school clinic programs.
- Provide training and technical assistance for legal advocates and non-profit, nongovernmental victim services organizations on immigration proceedings, including Board of Immigration Appeals recognition; as well as technical assistance on the development of immigration legal programs within non-profit, nongovernmental victim services organizations.
- Provide training and technical assistance for communities planning, developing, or enhancing supervised visitation and safe exchange, including, but not limited to, supervised visitation and exchange in the context of domestic violence and supervised visitation centers as part of a coordinated community response.
- Provide training and technical assistance to courts and communities in meeting the needs of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) litigants in domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases that includes: best practice tips on working with interpreters; curricula for interpreter training; and a toolkit on achieving greater language access that incorporates a self-assessment guide for courts.

- Provide technical assistance to communities and relevant professionals in assessing and improving their policies, procedures, and practices related to the investigation of and response to incidents of sexual assault. Technical assistance should address, but not be limited to, improving law enforcement response, reporting and investigating, collecting and storing of forensic evidence, and managing and integrating appropriate victim services throughout criminal justice system intervention.
- Provide training and technical assistance on culturally relevant services for communities of color.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the intersection of violence against women and mental health.
- Provide training and technical assistance to STOP Administrators on sexual assault.
- Develop and enhance the capacity of rural communities to provide sexual assault services.
- Provide basic and/or advanced coordinated community response training and technical assistance on innovative approaches to responding to children, youth and adult victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking in rural areas or rural communities.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the transitional housing needs of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, teen dating violence, and stalking, including issues related to:
 - VAWA housing protections;
 - Low-income housing tax credit programs;
 - Section 8 vouchers;
 - Housing authority programs;
 - Working with private landlords; and
 - Rural housing options.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the intersection of sexual assault and homelessness.
- Support OVW in conducting an analysis of the scope and nature of problems related to housing and supportive services and the identification of best practices to address these issues; assess housing program client satisfaction and develop a transitional housing program guidebook.
- Provide training and technical assistance to OVW grantees serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence around the issues of safety and economic security, job development, sustainability of employment, and self-sufficiency, including the development of model job readiness and training programs.
- Provide training and technical assistance on youth driven prevention and parental outreach strategies; effective youth victim advocacy and services; and secondary school strategies to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

- Develop and enhance the organizational capacity of nonprofit victim services and community-based organizations to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- Provide training and technical assistance to Campus grantees on the [four minimum requirements](#) of the Campus Program which include creating a coordinated community response team, developing a mandatory prevention and education program for all incoming students, developing training for all campus and community law enforcement, and developing training for all campus judicial or disciplinary board members.
- Create comprehensive on-line resources on violence against women for college and university students, faculty, law enforcement and administrators.
- Provide training and technical assistance to improve reporting and record keeping for the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking on campus, including those related to crime statistics reporting required under the Clery Act.
- Training and Technical Assistance for communities and targeted professionals, such as judges, law enforcement officers, advocates, civil attorneys, prosecutors and others, on implementing the provisions of the community tool [Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice](#).

Comprehensive Technical Assistance Projects

OVW will support a very small number of five-year comprehensive technical assistance projects. Organizations applying under this section must show a demonstrated capacity to serve the targeted audience. Those organizations funded to implement five-year technical assistance projects will be awarded cooperative agreements with a five-year project period, however, the first award will support 24 months of project activity. An organization may non-competitively apply for the remaining 36 months of funds, and awards will be made at the discretion of the OVW Director.

Please note that during the FY 2010 and FY 2011 Technical Assistance application process, OVW selected a number of comprehensive technical assistance projects and, therefore, those topics are not reflected in this year's solicitation.

OVW is interested in supporting ONLY the comprehensive initiatives listed below. Applications requesting to provide comprehensive technical assistance for issues other than those listed below will be removed from consideration.

OVW is interested in supporting the following three **comprehensive** projects:

- Comprehensive training and technical assistance on domestic violence **or** sexual assault for [law enforcement](#). Organizations applying under this initiative should only apply to provide training and technical assistance on **either** domestic violence or sexual assault. Organizations with expertise in both sexual assault and domestic violence should consider submitting separate applications for each issue area.
- Workplace Violence Resource Center

The comprehensive technical assistance provider would be expected to:

- maintain and update the Workplace Response to Violence online website;
 - provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to OVW grantees to develop or enhance workplace policies that address domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence in the workplace;
 - develop an employee toolkit or handbook and a training manual to be used in conjunction with the Workplace Response to Violence website; and
 - conduct outreach to public and private organizations, union and labor organizations to reduce violence against women in the workplace.
- **Family Court Demonstration Initiative**
The organization selected would serve as the comprehensive technical assistance provider for the new Family Court Demonstration Initiative and would be expected to provide training and technical assistance to courts seeking to improve safety for domestic violence victims and their children during and beyond court proceedings and address topics including, but not limited to:
 - identifying and accounting for domestic violence in custody and visitation decision-making;
 - assessing the impact of court structures and procedures (including custody evaluations) on custody and visitation decision-making;
 - training for court personnel, attorneys, and court-appointed parties to custody cases; and
 - developing resources for self-represented litigants.

For more information about the Family Court Demonstration Initiative, please see the *OVW Fiscal Year 2012 Family Court Demonstration Initiative Call for Concept Papers* on the OVW web page (<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/open-solicitations.htm>). This Call should be posted in mid-March.

Out-of-Scope Activity- Research Projects

OVW has determined research projects to be out of the program scope. (Note that this does not include program assessments conducted only for internal improvement purposes. See the definition of “research” in this solicitation’s section on Human Subject Research and Confidentiality Protections for additional information on what activities constitute research). Applications that propose research projects may receive a point deduction during the review process. Applications that are determined to be substantially outside the scope of the Technical Assistance Program will not be considered for funding.

Unallowable Activities

The following is a list of activities that are unallowable and cannot be supported by the Technical Assistance Program. Applications that propose unallowable activities may receive a point deduction during the review process. Applications that include substantial unallowable activities will not be considered for funding.

- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Purchase of real property
- Construction

- Physical modifications to building, including minor renovations

How To Apply

This section describes what an application should include. Applicants should anticipate that failure to submit an application that contains all of the specified elements will negatively affect the review of the application and may result in the application not being considered for funding; and, should a decision be made to make an award, it may result in the inclusion of special conditions that preclude access to or use of award funds pending satisfaction of the conditions.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete and submitted by the deadline.

Formatting and Technical Requirements

Applications must follow the requirements below. Points may be deducted for applications that do not adhere to the following requirements:

- Double spaced (Project Abstract, Summary Data Sheet and charts may be single space)
- 8½ x 11 inch page size
- One inch margins
- Type no smaller than 12 point, Times New Roman font
- Page numbers
- Project Narrative: no more than 12 pages for targeted topic area applications; no more than 18 pages for comprehensive TA applications
- Word processing documents must be in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt)
- Headings and sub-headings that correspond to the sections identified in How to Apply

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues

If you experience technical difficulties at any point during the application process, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

If you experience unforeseen technical issues that prevent you from submitting your application by the deadline, you must contact the technical support number above prior to the deadline AND contact Tosha Preston at (202) 307-6026 **within 24 hours after the deadline** to request approval to submit your application. At that time, you will be required to email the complete grant application, your DUNS number, and provide a Grants.gov Help Desk tracking number(s). After OVW reviews all of the information submitted and verifies your technical issues with the Help Desk, OVW will contact you to either approve or deny your request to submit a late application. If the technical issues you reported cannot be verified, your application will be rejected as untimely.

To ensure a fair competition for limited discretionary funds, the following conditions are not valid reasons to permit late submissions: (1) failure to begin the registration process in sufficient time; (2) failure to follow GMS or grants.gov instructions on how to register and apply as posted on its website; and (3) failure to follow all of the instructions in the OVW solicitation.

Application Requirements

Applications must include the following required documents and demonstrate that the program eligibility requirements have been met. Applications that do not include the following will not be considered for funding:

1. Project Narrative
2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
3. Letters of Support

Applications forwarded for review will be scored on the following:

1. Summary Data Sheet
2. Project Narrative
3. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
4. Letters of Support

Applications must address each section and include the detailed information outlined below in the specified section of their application.

Summary Data Sheet (5 Points)

The Summary Data Sheet should be one to four pages in length and may be single or double spaced. The Summary Data Sheet does not count toward the 12 or 18 page limit for the Project Narrative. Please provide the following information:

- Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the authorized representative. Please see the [Reference Guide](#) to determine who can be an authorized representative.
- Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the grant point-of-contact.
- Statement as to whether the agency has expended \$500,000 in Federal funds in the past fiscal year for the applicant. Please specify the end date of the fiscal year.
- Project title.
- The targeted topic area/s or the comprehensive project the application is addressing.
- The target audience (include which grant program recipients or disciplines will be targeted).
- The duration of the project (i.e., 12, 24, 36 months or five years).
- The award amount requested.
- Summary of Current and Recent OVW Projects (if applicable)
 - If the applicant has a current grant award or cooperative agreement under **any** OVW program, or received an award that has been closed within one calendar year prior to the date an application is submitted under this solicitation, the information below **must** be included.
 - Identify grant by OVW program, award number, and project period.
 - Specify the total funds remaining in each grant as of the date of application.
 - Provide the total funds remaining in each grant in the Personnel, Contracts/Consultants and Travel (OVW sponsored TA events) categories as of the date of application.
 - List the number and titles of all full-time and/or part-time positions funded by the award.
- A list of other federal assistance the applicant receives or for which the applicant is applying in FY 2012 to provide training and technical assistance related to sexual

assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The list should include the name of the federal funding agency, the award number, the cumulative award amount, and project end date. If any of the other federally funded or proposed projects are very similar in nature to the underlying project of this proposal, the applicant must explain how the projects differ and will complement each other.

Project Narrative (70 Points Total)

The Project Narrative may not exceed 12 pages for targeted topic area applications or 18 pages for comprehensive TA applications, double-spaced. The Project Narrative is comprised of the following four sections:

Need for Technical Assistance (15 Points)

This section must include the following:

- Identify the targeted topic area or comprehensive issue the project addresses and explain why you believe this is an area in need of technical assistance.
- Describe the target audience for the technical assistance (discipline, grant program, etc.). If the target audience is made up of recipients from one or more OVW grant programs, explain why those grant programs are being selected for the proposed technical assistance.
- Estimate the number of individuals who would receive training and technical assistance under this project.
- Identify what OVW purpose area/s the project will address (see Appendix A).
- Explain why OVW grantees from the targeted grant program or discipline would benefit from this technical assistance.
- If you are proposing a project that does not address one of the targeted topic areas, you must include additional justification regarding the need for the project, how it relates to an OVW program purpose area (Appendix A), the intended grantee audience, and the method for how the need was determined. **OVW will not accept applications proposing comprehensive projects that are not listed on page 10 of this solicitation.**

What Will Be Done (20 Points)

This section must include the information below. The applicant must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the “Need for Technical Assistance” section.

- State the goals and objectives of the technical assistance proposal.
- Provide a summary of activities that will be undertaken to accomplish the project goals and objectives and provide a corresponding timeline for the completion of each activity. Organizations applying for five-year projects must include a timeline that covers five years.
- Describe and justify any and all products that will be developed, including a timeline for the development and dissemination of each product. Include a dissemination plan for the products.

Who Will Implement the Project (25 Points)

This section must include the information below. The applicant must justify who will be involved in the project and demonstrate that they have the capacity to address the stated need and that they can successfully implement the stated project activities.

- Identify organizations and individuals who will implement the project and describe the role of each. Provide the percentage of time each individual will devote to the project.
- Describe the capacity of the organization/s to undertake the project.
- Describe the proposed staffing (including consultants) needed for the project.
- List the qualifications and experience of proposed staff/consultants.
- Describe the organization's philosophy concerning violence against women, including its understanding of emerging issues and best practices, and activities that compromise victim safety.

What are the Technical Assistance Delivery Methods (10 Points)

This section must include the following:

- Identify and describe how the proposed technical assistance will be delivered. Examples of delivery methods can include teleconference and videoconference; web-casting; regional or national meetings; focus groups; conferences; train-the-trainer sessions; on-site technical assistance (if you are proposing on-site assistance with OVW grantees, you must describe your capacity and experience to do so).
- Explain why these methods have been selected.
- Explain how these methods match the needs of the target audience.
- If an applicant proposes to hold any in-person meetings which necessitate logistical planning, the application must indicate if an outside planner will be hired. If no outside planner will be hired, the application must document that the applicant or a project partner is the most cost effective means of obtaining conference logistical services.

Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (15 Points)

OVW has the discretion to award grants for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a grant. For guidance on budget requirements please see the [Reference Guide](#). A Sample Budget Detail Worksheet is available at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/budget-detail-worksheet.pdf>. When preparing the Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative, please use the Sample Budget Detail Worksheet as a guide and be sure to include all necessary budget categories as outlined in the Worksheet.

Award Period and Amount

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the project proposed and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs. Projects targeting the recipients of the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program subgrants, Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program subgrants, or Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions must include sufficient funds to cover participant travel expenses. Funding levels under the OVW Technical Assistance Program for FY 2012 are as follows:

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Organizations applying for five-year comprehensive projects should seriously consider the amount of money it will take to implement such a project, clearly present the costs and clearly

justify all costs for the project. Organizations applying for comprehensive projects must include a timeline for the full five years of project activity; however, they should only submit budgets for the first 24 months of project activity.

OVW has the discretion to award cooperative agreements for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a cooperative agreement.

OVW has a limited amount of technical assistance funds available to support technical assistance for all of its grantees, and therefore, **all applicants should exercise discretion when developing their budgets.**

Budget Requirements

Applicants are required to submit a budget detail worksheet that is reasonable and cost effective. The budget must adhere to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Financial Grants Management Guide. The budget detail worksheet must:

- Include a budget narrative that supports and justifies all proposed costs and provides a clear link between specific project activities and proposed budget items; and
- Include a budget that reflects all costs related to implementing the proposed project and provides calculations for all costs.

OVW Meetings

All applicants **are required** to allocate funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the project period to support travel costs associated with OVW technical assistance provider meetings. Applicants should estimate costs for two trips. The budget should include an estimated breakdown for this amount, including the number of travelers, airfare or mileage, lodging, per diem, etc.

Services to Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) Persons

Applicants are encouraged to include funds in their budgets to support activities that help to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to their training and technical assistance. For example, funds can be used to support interpretation and translation services. Please note that this is applicable to all applicants, not just those applying to the targeted topic area addressing LEP.

Accessible Training and Technical Assistance for People with Disabilities

Applicants are encouraged to include funds in their budgets to provide accommodations to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals to ensure full and meaningful participation in training and technical assistance. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, production of training and educational materials in alternative formats, and closed captioning of video materials.

Food and Beverage/Costs for Refreshments and Meals

OVW funding cannot be used to purchase food and/or beverages for any meeting, conference, training, or other event, except if one of the following applies:

- The location of the event is not in close proximity to food establishments. It should be a priority to try to secure a location near reasonably priced and accessible commercial food establishments.

- Not serving food will significantly lengthen the day or necessitate extending the meeting to achieve meeting outcomes.
- A special presentation at a conference requires a plenary address where there is no other time for food to be obtained.
- Other extenuating circumstances necessitate the provision of food.

Justification for an exception listed above must be included in the budget narrative.

Note: In addition to the requirements above, cooperative agreement or contract recipients, must complete and submit the Conference and Events Approval Form to OVW for review and approval prior to entering into a contract for any meeting, conference, training, or other event.

If an exception is made for food/beverages or refreshments, the cost of any individual meal, plus taxes and any hotel service costs (e.g., labor cost for room setup), cannot exceed 150 percent of the General Services Administration (GSA) Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE) rate for that meal in that locality per attendee. OVW strongly encourages costs to stay at or below 100% of the applicable per diem rate for any meal provided, including any service costs. The current GSA M&IE rate breakdown by meal and by locality can be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/101518>. If OVW funds are used to provide breaks/refreshments, they can only be provided once per day, and any related expenses (food, beverages, plus taxes and any hotel service costs) cannot exceed 11.5% of the current GSA M&IE rate per attendee per day. OVW prefers that such costs fall well below 11.5%. This restriction does not apply to water provided at no cost, but does apply to any and all other refreshments, regardless of the size or nature of the meeting. Additionally, this restriction does not impact direct payment of per diem amounts to individuals in a travel status under your organizations travel policy.

Updated Department of Justice and OVW guidance on conference planning, minimization of costs, and conference cost reporting will be forthcoming and will be accessible on the OVW website.

Letters of Support (10 Points Total)

Applicants may partner with one or more organizations to ensure the appropriate expertise is available to implement the project successfully. If partnering with other organizations, applicants are required to submit letters of support from those partners. Letters should describe the partners' role in the project, as well as their commitment to the collaboration. Applicants should only submit letters from partners who would receive funding through the award or from organizations who are essential to the implementation of the project. It is strongly recommended that the letters of support not present as form letters written by the applicant and simply signed by the partnering organization/s. Please note that OVW may request a signed Memorandum of Understanding among project partners prior to making an award if it is deemed necessary to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each partner.

In addition, if the applicant has provided technical assistance to OVW grantees in the past, at least one letter of support must be submitted by an OVW grant recipient who received that technical assistance or training. Applicants should limit these letters of support to three. Organization's that have not previously provided technical assistance to OVW grantees must submit a letter from a potential recipient of the technical assistance supporting the need for the proposed project, e.g., STOP State Administrators, SANE nurses, law enforcement officers.

For those applicants partnering with one or more organizations, the score for this section will be based on the partner letters and the letter/s of support from the recipient/s or potential recipient/s of technical assistance. For those applicants not partnering with any other organizations, the score for this section will be based solely on the letter/s of support from the recipient/s or potential recipient/s of technical assistance.

The letters of support should be submitted as attachments to the application in Grants.gov.

Additional Required Information

The following documents will not be scored during the review process but they should be included with your submission. Failure to include any of the information may result in the inability to access funds if your application is selected for funding.

Proposal Abstract

The Proposal Abstract should provide a short and accurate summary of your proposed project including identifying the target audience for the proposed project, who will be involved with the proposed project, and what will be done. Please do not summarize past accomplishments in this section.

Status of Current Project (if applicable)

Applicants applying to supplement a current OVW funded technical assistance project, must provide the following information about the status of that current project:

- Identify the grant award number and project period;
- Specify the total funds remaining in the award as of the date of application;
- Provide the total funds remaining in each grant in the Personnel, Contracts/Consultants and Travel categories as of the date of application;
- List the number and titles of all full-time and/or part-time positions; and
- Describe the status of achieving the goals and objectives identified in your most recent application.

This section should be clear and succinct. This should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov.

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Applicants must complete the SF-424 online.

Standard Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Form 4061/6)

Forms must be completed online during the submission process. For further information on the Standard Assurances and Certifications please see the [Reference Guide](#).

Letter of Nonsupplanting

Applicants must submit a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the Authorized Representative, certifying that Federal funds will not be used to supplant State or local funds should a grant award be made. Please refer to http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/nonsup_letter.pdf for a sample letter. This should be a separate attachment to the application in **Grants.gov**.

Financial Accounting Practices

Each applicant must prepare a response to the following questions. OVW will review the applicant's responses to assist in evaluating the adequacy of the organization's financial management system and to identify areas of need for training and technical assistance. This section of your application should be no more than two pages and should be a separate attachment to the online application in **Grants.gov**.

- Will all funds awarded under this program be maintained in a manner that they will be accounted for separately and distinctly from other sources of revenue/funding?
- Does the applicant have written accounting policies and procedures? OVW may request a copy for review during the application/award process or as part of the grant monitoring process.
- Is the applicant's financial management system able to track actual expenditures and outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant or subgrant?
- Does the applicant have procedures in place for minimizing the time elapsing between transfer of funds from the United States Treasury and disbursement for project activities?
- Does the applicant have effective internal controls in place to adequately safeguard grant assets and to ensure that they are used solely for authorized purposes? Please provide a brief description.
- Does the applicant have a documented records retention policy? If so, briefly describe the policy.
- Is the individual primarily responsible for fiscal and administrative oversight of grant awards familiar with the applicable grants management rules, principles, and regulations? If not, the applicant must contact OVW's Grants Financial Management Division at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556 immediately after the organization is notified of their award to coordinate training.

Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)

All nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that apply for funding from OVW and have not previously (within the last three years) received funding from OVW or OJP must complete a Financial Capability Questionnaire, and submit it, along with their current year's audit report, as an attachment to the application in Grants.gov. The form can be found at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/applicants.htm>.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of an indirect cost rate must have a Federally-approved indirect cost agreement. Please include a copy of a current, signed Federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement. If you need additional information on this requirement, you may go to [OVW Financial Grants Management Guide](#). This should be a separate attachment to the application in **Grants.gov**. Applicants that do not have a Federally-approved indirect cost rate should budget all project related costs in the direct cost categories. Organizations that wish to negotiate an indirect cost rate may contact OVW's Grants Financial Management Division at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556 for more information.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be scored based on the degree to which the applicant responds to each section and addresses each element contained within the corresponding section. Furthermore, applications will be scored based upon the quality of the response and the level of detail

provided. Each element **must** be addressed in the section in which it is requested. Points may be deducted if the applicant does not include the information in the appropriate section even if it is included elsewhere within the application. Each section will be reviewed as a separate document and will be scored as such.

OVW reserves the right to deduct points for applications that are partially out of scope, that include unallowable activities, or for applicants who are out of compliance with a current OVW grant award or cooperative agreement.

If an application is deemed to be substantially out of scope or proposes a substantial number of activities that are unallowable, it will not be considered for funding.

Review Process

OVW will subject all applications to a review process that is fair and based on the criteria outlined in this solicitation. OVW may utilize internal review, external review, or a combination of both.

Past Performance Review

OVW awards that are current or have been closed within the past 12 months will be reviewed based on the elements listed below. Up to 25 points may be deducted from the application based on this review.

- Progress reports submitted by the applicant, in conjunction with monitoring conducted by OVW, demonstrate the effectiveness of the project, indicating timely progress toward meeting project goals and objectives;
- Timely submission of progress reports;
- The grantee has demonstrated that past activities supported with OVW grant funds have been limited to program purpose areas;
- The grantee has complied with all special conditions;
- The grantee has adhered to programmatic and financial reporting requirements, including timely submission of required reports;
- The grantee has closed-out prior awards in a timely manner;
- The grantee actively participated in OVW-sponsored meetings and other technical assistance events as required;
- The grantee has received financial clearances on all current grants from OVW;
- The grantee has acted in a timely manner to resolve issues identified in an audit or an on-site financial or programmatic monitoring visit;
- The grantee has complied with the Office of Management and Budget single-audit requirement; and
- Grant funds have been spent in a timely manner.

OVW may decline to provide funding to grantees with significant past performance issues regardless of the quality of the application.

Other Requirements

Federal Financial Guidelines

Federal grants are governed by the provisions of the OMB circulars applicable to financial assistance and OVW's Financial Grants Management Guide, which are available from the OVW

Web site. The OVW Financial Grants Management Guide includes information on allowable costs, methods of payment, audit requirements, accounting systems, and financial records. This document outlines the successful administration of grant funds.

Any recipient of an award will be responsible for monitoring subgrants/contracts under the grant in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, OMB Circulars and guidelines, and OVW's Financial Grants Management Guide. Primary recipients will be responsible for oversight of subgrantee spending and monitoring specific performance measures and outcomes attributable to the use of OVW funds.

Reporting Requirements

All OVW grantees are required to submit annual and/or semi-annual progress reports, which will be provided to you should you be selected for an award, as well as quarterly Federal Financial Reports. For more information, please see the [Reference Guide](#).

Additional Requirements

Applicants selected for awards must agree to comply with additional legal requirements upon acceptance of an award. OVW strongly encourages applicants to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting an application. Additional information for each requirement can be found in the [Reference Guide](#).

- Civil Rights Compliance
- Faith-Based and Other Community
- Confidentiality
- Research and the Protection of Human Subjects (if applicable)
- Anti-Lobbying Act
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (if applicable)
- DOJ Information Technology Standards (if applicable)
- Single Point of Contact Review
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- Compliance with OVW's Financial Grants Management Guide
- Suspension or Termination of Funding
- Nonprofit Organizations

- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Rights in Intellectual Property
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006
- Awards in Excess of \$5,000,000 – Federal Taxes Certification Requirement
- Active CCR Registration

Public Reporting Burden

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. We try to create forms and instructions that are accurate, can be easily understood, and which impose the least possible burden on you to provide us with information. The estimated average time to complete and file this form is 30 hours. If you have comments regarding the accuracy of this estimate, or suggestions for making this form simpler, you can write to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20530.

Application Checklist

This checklist is for your convenience only. Applicants must submit a fully executed application to OVW, including all required supporting documentation.

Application Document	Completed?
1. Summary Data Sheet	
Summary of Current OVW Projects	
2. Project Narrative.	
Need for Technical Assistance	
What Will Be Done	
Who Will Implement	
What are Technical Assistance Delivery Methods	
3. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative	
4. Letters of Support	
5. Proposal Abstract	
6. Status of Current Project (if applicable)	
7. Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424)	
8. Standard Assurances and Certifications	
9. Letter of Nonsupplanting	
10. Financial Accounting Practices	
11. Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)	
12. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (only if the applicant has a current Federally-approved rate)	

APPENDIX A
OVW Program Purpose Areas

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANTS PROGRAM

- (1) Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence;
- (2) developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;
- (3) developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;
- (4) developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;
- (5) developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence and dating violence programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;
- (6) developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking;
- (7) developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;
- (8) supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by State funds, to coordinate the response of State law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other State agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence;
- (9) training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault;
- (10) developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals;
- (11) providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters;

(12) maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families;

(13) supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as "Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants") in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and may undertake the following activities--

(A) developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including triage protocols to ensure that dangerous or potentially lethal cases are identified and prioritized;

(B) notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency;

(C) referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and

(D) taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order; and

(14) providing funding to law enforcement agencies, nonprofit nongovernmental victim services providers, and State, tribal, territorial, and local governments, (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote--

(A) the development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as "Crystal Judson Victim Advocates," to provide supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel;

(B) the implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies (such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police ("Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project" July 2003));

(C) the development of such protocols in collaboration with State, tribal, territorial and local victim service providers and domestic violence coalitions.

GRANTS TO STATE SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS

Coordinating State victim services activities, and collaborating and coordinating with Federal, State, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities.

TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITIONS PROGRAM

- (1) Increasing awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women;
- (2) enhancing the response to violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women at the tribal, Federal, and State levels; and
- (3) identifying and providing technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services to American Indian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS

- (1) To implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts and projects between domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault victim services organizations and legal assistance providers to provide legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault;
- (2) to implement, expand, and establish efforts and projects to provide legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault by organizations with a demonstrated history of providing direct legal or advocacy services on behalf of these victims; and
- (3) to provide training, technical assistance, and data collection to improve the capacity of grantees and other entities to offer legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND ENHANCED SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST AND ABUSE OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

- (1) To provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction and prevention of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking against individuals with disabilities;
- (2) To conduct outreach activities to ensure that individuals with disabilities who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking receive appropriate assistance;
- (3) To conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention and the nature of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking for individuals with disabilities;
- (4) To provide technical assistance to assist with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure equal access to the services, programs, and activities of victim service organizations for individuals with disabilities;

(5) To provide training and technical assistance on the requirements of shelters and victim services organizations under Federal anti-discrimination laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section 794 of title 29 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973);

(6) To modify facilities, purchase equipment, and provide personnel so that shelters and victim service organizations can accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities;

(7) To provide advocacy and intervention services for individuals with disabilities who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; or

(8) To develop model programs providing advocacy and intervention services within organizations serving individuals with disabilities who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM

(1) To develop and enhance effective governmental strategies to curtail violent crimes against and increase the safety of Indian women consistent with tribal law and custom;

(2) to increase tribal capacity to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes against Indian women;

(3) to strengthen tribal justice interventions including tribal law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, correctional facilities;

(4) to enhance services to Indian women victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(5) to work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward issues of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking programs and to address the needs of children exposed to domestic violence;

(6) to provide programs for supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed by one parent against the other with appropriate security measures, policies, and procedures to protect the safety of victims and their children;

(7) to provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing, and support services to enable a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community; and

(8) to provide legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence, at minimal or no cost to the victims.

GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION ORDERS PROGRAM

- (1) To implement proarrest programs and policies in police departments, including policies for protection order violations;
- (2) to develop policies, educational programs, protection order registries, and training in police departments to improve tracking of cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Policies, educational programs, protection order registries, and training described in this paragraph shall incorporate confidentiality, and privacy protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- (3) to centralize and coordinate police enforcement, prosecution, or judicial responsibility for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases in teams or units of police officers, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, or judges;
- (4) to coordinate computer tracking systems to ensure communication between police, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, and both criminal and family courts;
- (5) to strengthen legal advocacy service programs for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including strengthening assistance to such victims in immigration matters;
- (6) to educate judges in criminal and civil courts (including juvenile courts) about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to improve judicial handling of such cases;
- (7) to provide technical assistance and computer and other equipment to police departments, prosecutors, courts, and tribal jurisdictions to facilitate the widespread enforcement of protection orders, including interstate enforcement, enforcement between States and tribal jurisdictions, and enforcement between tribal jurisdictions;
- (8) to develop or strengthen policies and training for police, prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of domestic violence and sexual assault against older individuals (as defined in section 3002 of this title) and individuals with disabilities (as defined in section 12102(2) of this title);
- (9) to develop State, tribal, territorial, or local policies, procedures, and protocols for preventing dual arrests and prosecutions in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to develop effective methods for identifying the pattern and history of abuse that indicates which party is the actual perpetrator of abuse;
- (10) to plan, develop and establish comprehensive victim service and support centers, such as family justice centers, designed to bring together victim advocates from non-profit, non-governmental victim services organizations, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation officers, governmental victim assistants, forensic medical professionals, civil legal attorneys, chaplains, legal advocates, representatives from community-based organizations and other relevant public or private agencies or organizations into one centralized location, in order to

improve safety, access to services, and confidentiality for victims and families. Although funds may be used to support the colocation of project partners under this paragraph, funds may not support construction or major renovation expenses or activities that fall outside of the scope of the other statutory purpose areas;

(11) to develop and implement policies and training for police, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of sexual assault, with an emphasis on recognizing the threat to the community for repeat crime perpetration by such individuals;

(12) to develop, enhance, and maintain protection order registries; and

(13) to develop human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing programs for sexual assault perpetrators and notification and counseling protocols.

RURAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(1) Implementing, expanding, and establishing cooperative efforts and projects among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(2) providing treatment, counseling, advocacy, and other long- and short-term assistance to adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in rural communities, including assistance in immigration matters; and

(3) working in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues.

GRANTS TO REDUCE SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE AND STALKING ON CAMPUS PROGRAM

(1) To provide personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection, and other equipment with respect to the increased apprehension, investigation, and adjudication of persons committing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus;

(2) to develop and implement campus policies, protocols, and services that more effectively identify and respond to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to train campus administrators, campus security personnel, and personnel serving on campus disciplinary or judicial boards on such policies, protocols, and services. Within 90 days after January 5, 2006, the Attorney General shall issue and make available minimum standards of training relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus, for all campus security personnel and personnel serving on campus disciplinary or judicial boards;

(3) to implement and operate education programs for the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(4) to develop, enlarge, or strengthen victim services programs on the campuses of the institutions involved, including programs providing legal, medical, or psychological counseling, for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to improve delivery of victim assistance on campus. To the extent practicable, such an institution shall collaborate with any entities carrying out nonprofit and other victim services programs, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking victim services programs in the community in which the institution is located. If appropriate victim services programs are not available in the community or are not accessible to students, the institution shall, to the extent practicable, provide a victim services program on campus or create a victim services program in collaboration with a community-based organization. The institution shall use not less than 20 percent of the funds made available through the grant for a victim services program provided in accordance with this paragraph;

(5) to create, disseminate, or otherwise provide assistance and information about victims' options on and off campus to bring disciplinary or other legal action, including assistance to victims in immigration matters;

(6) to develop, install, or expand data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking campus security to the local law enforcement for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions with respect to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus;

(7) to provide capital improvements (including improved lighting and communications facilities but not including the construction of buildings) on campuses to address the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

(8) to support improved coordination among campus administrators, campus security personnel, and local law enforcement to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.

SAFE HAVENS: SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE GRANT PROGRAM

(1) To provide supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking;

(2) to protect children from the trauma of witnessing domestic or dating violence or experiencing abduction, injury, or death during parent and child visitation exchanges;

(3) to protect parents or caretakers who are victims of domestic and dating violence from experiencing further violence, abuse, and threats during child visitation exchanges; and

(4) to protect children from the trauma of experiencing sexual assault or other forms of physical assault or abuse during parent and child visitation and visitation exchanges.

ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST AND ABUSE OF WOMEN LATER IN LIFE

(1) Training programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, governmental agencies, victim assistants, and relevant officers of Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local courts in recognizing, addressing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against victims who are 50 years of age or older;

(2) providing or enhancing services for victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, who are 50 years of age or older;

(3) creating or supporting multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, who are 50 years of age or older; and

(4) conducting cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, who are 50 years of age or older.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE AND STALKING

(1) Providing transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of newly developed or existing transitional housing;

(2) providing short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing for persons described in subsection (a) of this section; and

(3) providing support services designed to enable a minor, an adult, or a dependent of such minor or adult, who is fleeing a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to--

(A) locate and secure permanent housing; and

(B) integrate into a community by providing that minor, adult, or dependent with services, such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance. Participation in the support services shall be voluntary. Receipt of the benefits of the housing assistance described in paragraph (2) shall not be conditioned upon the participation of the youth, adults, or their dependents in any or all of the support services offered them.

GRANTS TO ENHANCE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

The Director shall make grants to community-based programs for the purpose of enhancing culturally and linguistically specific services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Grants under the program shall support community-based efforts to address distinctive cultural and linguistic responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; including

(1) working with State and local governments and social service agencies to develop and enhance effective strategies to provide culturally and linguistically specific services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(2) increasing communities' capacity to provide culturally and linguistically specific resources and support for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes and their families;

(3) strengthening criminal justice interventions, by providing training for law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, and correctional facilities on culturally and linguistically specific responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(4) enhancing traditional services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through the leadership of culturally and linguistically specific programs offering services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(5) working in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies highlighting culturally and linguistically specific issues and resources regarding victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(6) providing culturally and linguistically specific programs for children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(7) providing culturally and linguistically specific resources and services that address the safety, economic, housing, and workplace needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including emergency assistance; or

(8) examining the dynamics of culture and its impact on victimization and healing.

SERVICES TO ADVOCATE FOR AND RESPOND TO YOUTH

(1) Provide direct counseling and advocacy for youth and young adults, who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking;

(2) Provide mental health services for youth and young adults who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

(3) Support legal advocacy efforts on behalf of youth and young adults with respect to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking;

(4) Use not more than 25 percent of the grant funds to provide additional services and

resources for youth, including childcare, transportation, educational support, and respite care.

ENGAGING MEN AND YOUTH IN PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

To create public education campaigns and community organizing to encourage men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent violence against women and girls conducted by entities that have experience in conducting public education campaigns that address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

COURT TRAINING AND IMPROVEMENTS

- (1) Improved internal civil and criminal court functions, responses, practices, and procedures;
- (2) education for court-based and court-related personnel on issues relating to victims' needs, including safety, security, privacy, confidentiality, and economic independence, as well as information about perpetrator behavior and best practices for holding perpetrators accountable;
- (3) collaboration and training with Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local public agencies and officials and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations to improve implementation and enforcement of relevant Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local law;
- (4) enabling courts or court-based or court-related programs to develop new or enhance current--
 - (A) court infrastructure (such as specialized courts, dockets, intake centers, or interpreter services);
 - (B) community-based initiatives within the court system (such as court watch programs, victim assistants, or community-based supplementary services);
 - (C) offender management, monitoring, and accountability programs;
 - (D) safe and confidential information-storage and -sharing databases within and between court systems;
 - (E) education and outreach programs to improve community access, including enhanced access for underserved populations; and
 - (F) other projects likely to improve court responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
- (5) providing technical assistance to Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local courts wishing to improve their practices and procedures or to develop new programs.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE

(1) programs that provide services for children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, which may include direct counseling, advocacy, or mentoring, and must include support for the nonabusing parent or the child's caretaker; or

(2) training, coordination, and advocacy for programs that serve children and youth (such as Head Start, child care, and after-school programs) on how to safely and confidentially identify children and families experiencing domestic violence and properly refer them to programs that can provide direct services to the family and children, and coordination with other domestic violence or other programs serving children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that can provide the training and direct services referenced in this subsection.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM

(1) to assist States, Indian tribes, and territories in providing intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for--

- (A) adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault;
- (B) family and household members of such victims; and
- (C) those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization; and

(2) to provide for technical assistance and training relating to sexual assault to--

- (A) Federal, State, tribal, territorial and local governments, law enforcement agencies, and courts;
- (B) professionals working in legal, social service, and health care settings;
- (C) nonprofit organizations;
- (D) faith-based organizations; and
- (E) other individuals and organizations seeking such assistance.

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

(1) to provide training to school administrators, faculty, counselors, coaches, healthcare providers, security personnel, and other staff on the needs and concerns of students who experience domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and the impact of such violence on students;

(2) to develop and implement policies in middle and high schools regarding appropriate, safe responses to, and identification and referral procedures for, students who are experiencing or perpetrating domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including procedures for handling the requirements of court protective orders issued to or against

students or school personnel, in a manner that ensures the safety of the victim and holds the perpetrator accountable;

(3) to provide support services for students and school personnel, such as a resource person who is either on-site or on-call, and who is an expert described in subsections (i)(2) and (i)(3) of this section, for the purpose of developing and strengthening effective prevention and intervention strategies for students and school personnel experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking;

(4) to provide developmentally appropriate educational programming to students regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and the impact of experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on children and youth by adapting existing curricula activities to the relevant student population;

(5) to work with existing mentoring programs and develop strong mentoring programs for students, including student athletes, to help them understand and recognize violence and violent behavior, how to prevent it and how to appropriately address their feelings; and

(6) to conduct evaluations to assess the impact of programs and policies assisted under this section in order to enhance the development of the programs.