An Overview of Funding Opportunities

Office on Violence Against Women

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Mission Statement
- To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.
Office on Violence Against Women

The mission of OVW is to provide federal leadership in developing the nation’s capacity to reduce sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking through the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act.

- OVW was created to implement the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and its subsequent legislation.
- OVW currently administers 18 grant programs – four formula and 14 discretionary.
- Since 1995, OVW has awarded nearly $8 billion in grants and cooperative agreements.
- In FY 2018 OVW made 751 awards totaling approximately $467 million.
- OVW’s awards are posted at www.justice.gov/ovw/awards.
FY 2018 Funding and Priorities

- support essential services for victims
- reduce sexual assault through better prosecution, forensic evidence gathering, policing, and victim services
- reach underserved communities to ensure that VAWA programs are available to meet the needs of all victims
- ensure meaningful evaluation of programs and implementation of evidence-based practices

* Denotes program is funded by set-asides from appropriated programs.

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VAWA Formula Grants

- **STOP Violence Against Women Formula Program**
  - Eligible applicants are states and territories. Each state receives a base amount of $600,000. Remaining funds are awarded to states based on population, as determined by United States Census Bureau data, including tribal populations.
  - 30% for victim services programs; 25% for law enforcement; 25% for prosecution; 5% to courts; and remaining 15% at state’s discretion.

- **Sexual Assault Services Formula Program**
  - Increases intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault.
  - Eligible applicants are states and territories.

- **State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions**
  - Supports the coordination of state victim services activities, and collaboration with federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities.
  - Eligible applicants include sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions.

- **Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program**
  - Builds the capacity of survivors, advocates, Indian women’s organizations, and victim service providers to form nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.
  - Eligible applicants are nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions addressing domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women.
  - VAWA 2013 changed the program from a discretionary to a formula program.
VAWA Discretionary Grants

- Abuse in Later Life
- Campus
- Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men
- Culturally Specific Services Program
- Improving Criminal Justice Responses
- Justice For Families
- Legal Assistance for Victims
- Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations
- Rural Program
- Sexual Assault Services - Culturally Specific Program
- Transitional Housing
- Tribal Governments
- Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program
- Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction
- Violence Against Women with Disabilities
Funded Activities

- Crisis Intervention
- Law Enforcement
- Court Improvement
- Prosecution
- Direct Services
- Legal Assistance
- Transitional Housing
- Training
- Prevention Education
- Collaborative Teams (SARTS & CCRs)
Other OVW Funded Initiatives

- **Nationwide Training and Technical Assistance**
  - Nationwide Training is designed to provide peer-to-peer exchange of best practices, promising innovations, and activities that may compromise victim safety and offender accountability.
  - Technical Assistance (TA) – Includes the development of professional practice tools and on-site assistance with policy revisions and training.

- **Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships to Assess Local Innovations**

- **Demonstration/Special Initiatives**
  - Multi-year projects involving 3-5 diverse pilot sites
  - Initiative may support testing the replicability of an identified promising practice; or
  - Identifying a new response.
  - Often include both a local and national evaluation component
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OVW Grant Recipients

- States and Territories
- Tribal Governments
- Units of local government

- Courts
- Non-profits, victim services organizations
- State and Territorial Coalitions

- Tribal Coalitions
- Community-based programs
- Institutions of Higher Education
STATES, TERRITORIES, UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Abuse in Later Life
- Disabilities
- Improving Criminal Justice Response
- Rural Program
- Justice for Families
- Transitional Housing
- Consolidated Youth
NON-PROFITS

- Abuse in Later Life
- Disabilities
- Legal Assistance for Victims
- Rural
- SASP - Culturally Specific
- SASP - Tribal
- Transitional Housing
- Culturally Specific Program
- Consolidated Youth
- Underserved Program
- Improving Criminal Justice Responses
TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

- Abuse in Later Life
- Disabilities
- Improving Criminal Justice Responses
- Legal Assistance for Victims
- Rural
- Justice for Families
- Transitional Housing
- Grants to Tribal Governments
- Consolidated Youth
- Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction
OVW Tribal Affairs Division

- Tribal specific grant programs
- Tribal specific Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)
- National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault
  www.NICCSA.org
- Annual Government-to-Government Consultation on VAWA
  http://ovwconsultation.org/
- Partnership with NIJ for the National Baseline Study
- 904 Task Force
- Tri-Lateral Meetings on Violence Against Indigenous Women
Tribal Focused Grant Programs

Grants to Tribal Governments

- Nearly 200 tribes and tribal organizations currently funded
- Designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against AI/AN women by developing a comprehensive response
  - strengthening tribal criminal justice systems
  - improving services for victims
  - creating community education and prevention campaigns
  - addressing the needs of children exposed to violence
- Funded by set asides from seven OVW grant programs: STOP, ICJR/Arrest, Rural, LAV, Transitional Housing, Consolidated Youth, and Justice for Families

Tribal Sexual Assault Services

- Over 30 tribes and tribal organizations currently funded
- Programs provide direct services to sexual assault survivors and their families in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages
- Funded by a statutory set-aside from OVW’s Sexual Assault Services Program
Tribal Focused Grant Program Continued

Tribal Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Coalitions

- Formula grant program
- 18 non-profit tribal organizations in 15 states
- Provide education, support, and TA to member Indian service providers and tribes to enhance their response to victims of sexual assault, DV, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking.

Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction

- Currently 13 tribes funded.
- As a result of VAWA 2013, which included provisions recognizing the authority of most tribes to exercise “special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction” (SDVCJ) over certain defendants, who commit crimes of domestic or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian Country.
- The Act also specifies the rights that a participating tribe must provide to defendants in SDVCJ cases.
Institutions of Higher Education

- Campus
- Legal Assistance for Victims
General Tips for Preparing Successful Grant Applications

- Start the application and submission process as early as possible – Start now…Read old funding opportunities and bring together your project partners as early as possible.
- Ensure your online registrations, passwords, etc. (e.g., Grants.gov, GMS, COPS website, etc.) are current!
- Thoroughly read the solicitation, call for concept papers, request for proposals, etc. Have someone else on your team read it too.
- Call or email the point of contact if you have questions, especially if you don’t understand something.
- Address all relevant sections/questions. Don’t give away the easy points.
- Use the application checklists.
- Avoid using acronyms, and assume the reviewer knows nothing about your organization or community.
- Ensure complete compliance with current grants (progress reports, Federal Financial Reports, past audit or site visit issues are resolved, etc.).
- Ensure that all contact information is current, especially email addresses, as this is how we alert you of solicitation openings and closings
- Print and keep copies of all online grant applications
Where to Find Funding Opportunities

- **Grants.gov**
  - Grants.gov is managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and serves as a centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities.
  - Today, the Grants.gov system houses information on over 1,000 grant programs and vets grant applications for 26 federal grant-making agencies.

- **Grant-Making Component’s website**
  - Office on Violence Against Women
    - [http://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations)
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OPEN SOLICITATIONS

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FY 2017 SOLICITATIONS

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Services Technical Assistance Center, closes June 2

Sexual Assault Services Formula Program, closes June 7

FY 2017 SOLICITATION RELEASE PLAN

Below is the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) anticipated FY 2017 solicitation release plan for OVW’s discretionary and formula grant programs. The plan is based on the grant programs administered by OVW in FY 2016 and authorized by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. The dates are subject to change.

Note: To make timely funding decisions, solicitations may be released pending a full appropriation. Once an FY 2017 appropriation has been enacted, a program’s solicitation may be cancelled if the program does not receive an appropriation.

Applicants should review solicitations for detailed information regarding eligibility and application requirements. If a solicitation has not yet been published, applicants can review last year’s solicitation on the Closed Solicitation page to get a basic understanding of the program’s purpose and requirements. However, solicitation requirements can change from year to year, and closed solicitations should not be used as a template when developing FY 2017 proposals.

For general information about requirements across OVW’s grant programs, see the Standard Special Conditions-Grants and Standard Special Conditions-Cooperative Agreements.

Once a solicitation has been released, it can be found on Grants.gov or in the list of open solicitations on this page.
Grants.gov (landing page)