



Violence Against Women Act Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (VAWA STOP) 2026 Victim Services Non-Competitive Grant

Funding Announcement

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Funding Announcement Description

This non-competitive funding announcement is made available under the Services*Training*Officers*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program. Funds are awarded annually to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) from the US Department of Justice (USDJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Important Dates

Application Due Date: October 17, 2025

Project Start Date: January 1, 2026

Project End Date: December 31, 2026

Anticipated Funding Amount

Eligible agencies may apply for an amount up to the award received in 2025. In 2023, funding was awarded through a competitive process to victim service programs to provide direct victim assistance. One year of competitive funding was awarded with two additional years of continuation funding. This funding opportunity is for a fourth year of continuation funding with a project start date of January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026. Funding available is contingent upon federal funds available, subgrant compliance with federal and state guidelines, and compliance with grant conditions. OCVS reserves the right to amend, change, or reduce subgrant award amounts for each continuation grant year.

Match/Cost Sharing Requirement

25% match is only required for governmental agencies.

Eligibility

Only agencies who received VAWA STOP funding in 2025 are eligible to apply for these funds. Eligible applicants may apply to continue the scope and project activities identified during the competitive application and subsequent continuation years.



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Eligible applicants who have changes to their project from the previous continuation year should contact the VAWA STOP administrator to ensure allowability.

Non-Supplantation

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing state and local government funds for program activities and must not supplant those funds that have been appropriated for the same purposes. Violations may result in penalties, such as suspension of current and future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, repayment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

VAWA STOP Grant Description

The purpose of the program is to enhance the ability of local communities to keep victims safe, meet the needs of survivors in a holistic and culturally responsive way, and hold perpetrators accountable. For additional information of the STOP Formula Program, see the OVW STOP [webpage](#).

VAWA STOP Federally Required Purpose Areas

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. §§ 10441(b), funds under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services and legal assistance 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
2. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women,



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including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

3. 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
4. Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.
5. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families, including rehabilitative work with offenders.
6. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.
7. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings.
8. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 249(c).
9. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening culturally specific victim services programs to provide culturally specific victim services and responses to female genital mutilation or cutting.
10. Providing victim advocates in state or local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and courts to provide supportive services and advocacy to Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.



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Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery

OVW will not fund activities that compromise victim safety and recovery, deter healing for victims, and/or undermine offender accountability. See the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more details about these activities, including program-specific information.

Out-of-Scope Activities

OVW has determined the activities listed below to be out of the program scope, and they will not be supported by SASP Formula Program funding:

- Research projects. Funds under this program may not be used to conduct research, defined by [28 C.F.R. § 46.102\(d\)](#) as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Survey and focus groups, depending on their design and purpose, may constitute research and therefore be out-of-scope.

Unallowable Costs

The costs associated with the activities listed below are unallowable:

- Lobbying.
- Fundraising.
- Purchase of real property.
- Physical modifications to building, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting)
- Construction

For more information about allowable and unallowable expenses, please see the DOJ Office on Violence Against Women [FAQs About STOP Formula Grants](#).



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Application Registration Requirements

SAM Entity Registration

All applicants must have an active account with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). This includes having a unique entity identifier (UEI). SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. To register, go to <https://sam.gov/entity-registration>.

Egrants Registration

All applications must be submitted through the Wisconsin Department of Justice's web-based grants management system called Egrants. If you are new to Egrants, you will need to [register to access the system](#). On the account registration site, you will have a choice between DOJ Egrants and WEM Egrants. Please select DOJ Egrants.

Authorization to access Egrants can take several days depending on registration activity. The DOJ help desk is open Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm if you need assistance. If you have any problems using Egrants, please contact the help desk at Egrants@doj.state.wi.us or call (608) 267-9068 or toll free at (888) 894-6607 during business hours.

Application Components

The application will be completed in Egrants. The following sections outline the information requested in the application. Egrants will time out each session after 30 minutes which may result in lost data. It is recommended to write answers outside of Egrants and then copy and paste them into Egrants.

All application components are subject to [open records requests](#).

Main Summary Page

The main summary page in Egrants asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. Please identify a financial officer, project director, and signing official. These individuals cannot be the same person.



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- The **Financial Officer** is the individual responsible for financial activities in your organization while the project director will be overseeing project operations.
- The **Project Director** will be the main point of contact for all VAWA STOP related grant communications.
- The **Signing Official** should be the highest elected official, or a designated proxy by the highest elected official, for the agency.

Then, select the corresponding State Senate Districts, Congressional Districts, and State Assembly District from the drop-down menu.

In the brief description text box, describe your project in 150 words or less with the following format.

“[Name of Agency] [identify component, if more than one] will provide [major categories or types of services] to [description of clients in terms of types of crime(s) and other relevant demographics] in [county(ies)].”

Responses to this section will be used on the DOJ website, cited in DOJ reports, and could be mentioned in press releases. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective.

Project Title

Use an identifying title of your project, which includes “VAWA STOP” at the start of the project. For example, “VAWA STOP: Victim Services 2026.”

Approval Checklist

Answer Yes or No to each question

Performance Measures



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Open the performance measures section and change the page status to “Complete”; then **SAVE** the page. Performance Measures will be identified and collected during post-award reporting rather than through this funding application process.

Budget Detail

Please use the original 2025 budget or most recently approved budget as your guide. Complete a project budget that covers costs for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 using the following categories. For each category, please describe how the items in that category will be used during the grant. This should include cost calculations for each line item.

Personnel: Provide salary information for employees funded through the grant. For each employee, list position title and name. Only staff that are directly working on the VAWA-STOP funded program and activities can be charged to the grant. Do not include contractors in this budget category.

Employee benefits: Employee benefits are for those listed in personnel and should be pro-rated for time devoted to the project.

Staff Development: For costs associated with staff development including professional membership fees, training and conferences fees, and travel costs for attending. All reimbursements will be at [current state rates](#) and are subject to change.

Travel: Any travel costs associated with the funded project (excluding travel associated with staff development). All reimbursements will be at [current state rates](#) and are subject to change.

Equipment: For tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

Supplies and operating expenses: Includes consumables such as paper, general office supplies, postage, liability insurance, and software. This category can include operating expenses such as rent and utilities.



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Indirect costs: Include any indirect cost rate in this section of the budget.

The government-wide grant requirements in Title 2 C.F.R. part 200, state a policy that federal awards should bear their fair share of costs, including reasonable, allocable, and allowable direct and indirect costs. VAWA-funded projects align with the government-wide grant requirements and cost principles, which allow federal funding to support sub-recipient indirect costs (see Title 2 C.F.R. 200.331 and 200.414).

A subrecipient who has never had a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement may elect to use the de minimis indirect cost rate of up to 15% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). MTDC includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$50,000 of each subcontract. MTDC excludes rental costs, equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subcontract in excess of \$50,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs.

Show your calculation of indirect costs, such as $\text{MTDC} = \$150,000 \times 15\%$ indirect rate = \$22,500. Please attach either the agency's approved NICRA letter or the 15% de Minimis Certification in the Required Attachments Section.

Consultants/Contractual: All costs associated with individuals or entities providing services through a contractual agreement must be included in this section.

Consultant fees more than \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour day require additional justification and require approval. The [consultant](#) and [contractual](#) checklists can be used as a resource for this type of expense.

Other: For eligible expenses that do not fit into specific categories.



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Required Attachments

- Proof of Certification in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)
- Federally Approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or [certification to apply 15% de minimis indirect cost rate](#) (If applicable)
- [Program income certification](#) (if applicable)

Application Review and Award Criteria

Award Information

Award documents will be sent to the project director of each awarded agency. These funds will be awarded on a reimbursement basis. All program and fiscal reports will be submitted through the Egrants system.

Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements

Agencies awarded funds under this announcement are required to provide regular progress reports. The schedule for reports will be included in the grant award materials. When received, please review all grant award special conditions and Egrants reporting requirements. A brief outline of the required reports is listed below.

Fiscal Reports–Subgrants are paid on a reimbursement basis. Subgrantees will be reimbursed on a monthly or quarterly basis by submitting a report in Egrants.

Program Reports-Subgrants will report on project activities on a semi-annual basis. Subgrants will also submit a final report at the end of the grant period.

OVW Annual Performance Report – All programs that receive VAWA funds are required by USDJ to submit an annual performance report via the IMPACT tool. The IMPACT tool tracks data for projects on the calendar year. VAWA subgrantees will receive detailed information about completing and submitting this data via the online tool. Example questions and instructions can be found on the [Muskie School of Public Service VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative website](#).



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Subgrantee Monitoring - OCVS must assess subgrantee risk posed by applicants before they receive federal funds. Assessment of subgrantee risk determines the level of monitoring performed by OCVS. Further, the levels of risk assigned by OCVS does not preclude a subgrantee from receiving federal funds. In addition to reviewing program complexity and prior adherence to OCVS grant award terms and conditions (if applicable), OCVS will also review financial complexity and the financial capacity of the agency.