



# Violence Against Women Act Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (VAWA STOP) 2026 Law Enforcement Training Grant

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Funding Announcement

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### VAWA STOP 2026 Law Enforcement Training Grant

#### Funding Announcement Description

This funding opportunity is available to support training and staff development opportunities that strengthen effective law enforcement strategies to combat violence against women. Applicants may apply for funding for personnel to attend local or national trainings, conferences, and staff development opportunities.

**Assistance Listing Number (ALN): 16.588**

#### Important Dates

**Application Due Date:** The application will be available until funds are fully awarded or until March 1, 2026.

**Project Start Date:** January 1, 2026.

**Project End Date:** All training expenses must be submitted for reimbursement in Egrants by June 1, 2026.

#### Anticipated Funding Amount

A total of \$200,000 is available. In accordance with 34 U.S.C. §§ 10446–10451, 25 percent of the total VAWA STOP federal award amount must be allocated for law enforcement. Funding is contingent upon federal fund availability, subgrant compliance with federal and state guidelines, and compliance with grant conditions. Wisconsin Department of Justice reserves the right to amend, change, or reduce subgrant award amounts.

#### Match/Cost Sharing Requirement

25% match is required for governmental agencies.

Matching or cost sharing means the portion of the project costs not paid by federal funds (unless otherwise authorized federal statute). See 2 C.F.R. 200.1 (definition of “cost or sharing or matching”).

There are two kinds of match:



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**Cash Match**—includes case spent for project-related costs. An allowable cash match must include costs which are allowable with federal funds.

**In-Kind** -includes donations of expendable equipment, office supplies, workshop or classroom materials, workspace, or the monetary value of time contributed by professionals and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to receive funds, the applicant agency must:

- Be a law enforcement agency, or
- An agency that can demonstrate effective collaboration with a law enforcement agency in providing services to victims navigating the criminal justice system. A memorandum of understanding or letter of support from a law enforcement agency is required to be eligible under these criteria.

In addition, individuals attending the training opportunities must be one of the following:

- A law enforcement officer, investigator, or detective; or
- A dispatcher, professional staff, or victim advocate employed at a law enforcement agency; or
- Crisis response specialist or victim advocate who provides services to victims reporting to law enforcement. A memorandum of understanding or letter of support from a law enforcement agency is required to be eligible under these criteria.

Priority will be given to applicants who are applying as a multi-disciplinary team.

### 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.



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### VAWA STOP Federal Grant Description

Funding for this grant opportunity is made available by the Violence Against Women Act Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (VAWA STOP) grant. VAWA formula grants 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).

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. 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including the appropriate use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of section 1101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)).
2. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims including implementation of the grant conditions in section 40002(b) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)).



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4. 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.
5. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.
6. 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).
7. 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.

### 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 STOP 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:



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- 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](#).

### Application Registration Requirements

#### SAM Entity Registration

All applicants must have an active account with [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 Egrants 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](mailto: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



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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.

- 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.

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: Law Enforcement Training 2026.”



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### Approval Checklist

Answer Yes or No to each question

### Performance Measures

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

Complete a project budget that covers costs for the training opportunities 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.

**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. Add line items for each expense per person seeking to attend a training event and include a brief description of the costs.

**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



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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  $MTDC = \$150,000 \times 15\%$  indirect rate = \$22,500. Please attach either the agency's approved NICRA letter or the 15% de Minimis Certification in the Required Attachments Section.

### Project Narrative

Provide an explanation of how the grant funds will be used. Please include the following information in your response:

- A description of each conference or training included in the budget.
- Who will be attending the conference or training and their position.
- How the conference or training opportunity help strengthen law enforcement response to combat violence against women, keep victims safe, meet the needs of survivors in a holistic and culturally responsive way, and hold perpetrators accountable.

### Attachments

- Proof of Certification in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) (required)
- Federally Approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or [certification to apply 15% de minimis indirect cost rate](#) (If applicable)
- Memorandum of understanding with a law enforcement agency (if applicable)
- Letter of support signed from a law enforcement agency (if applicable)



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### 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 required to submit fiscal reports within 30 days of the training or conference attended.

**Program Reports**- Subgrants will report on project activities. Subgrantees will be required to submit program reports within 30 days of the training or conference attended.

**OVW Annual Performance Report** – All programs that receive VAWA funds are required by USDOJ 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](#).

**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



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conditions (if applicable), OCVS will also review financial complexity and the financial capacity of the agency.