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**FY 2025 Congressional Justification**

**Office on Violence Against Women**



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**OVW**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

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*FY 2025 President's Budget Submission*

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# **I. Overview for the Office on Violence Against Women**

## **Introduction**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget request for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$800.0 million, including 142 positions, 138 FTE, and \$38.0 million for management and administration. This request is a net increase of \$100.0 million over the FY 2023 annualized CR. The full amount is requested via direct appropriation, with no transfer from the Crime Victims Fund.

## **VAWA Funding Supports Victim Services and Holds Offenders Accountable**

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has led to significant improvements in how communities respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Filling resource gaps in victim services organizations, law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors' offices, VAWA grant dollars support core victim services and justice solutions, as well as innovative ways of holding offenders accountable and helping victims rebuild their lives. Furthermore, VAWA grants provide training to justice and healthcare professionals, victim advocates, and others so they are equipped to respond competently and compassionately when victims request their assistance.

VAWA has been successful by funding approaches that research has shown to be effective—such as legal assistance, protection order enforcement, and access to medical forensic examinations—across grant programs. Other VAWA-funded strategies, including transitional housing, domestic violence courts, victim advocacy, culturally specific services, and specialized law enforcement and prosecution units, generate tangible results both for victims and for the systems that serve them. At the core of VAWA programming is the concept of a coordinated community response, meaning working across systems and professions, and engaging community partners, to assist victims and prevent further harm.

## **OVW Priorities**

OVW is committed to supporting projects that meaningfully address the needs of underserved and marginalized survivors, improve access to justice, enhance survivor safety, hold offenders accountable, and build a coordinated community response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and other interconnected forms of violence (also referred to as gender-based violence). These priorities guide the FY 2025 Budget request and align with the Attorney General's budget priorities of keeping our country safe, ending gender-based violence,<sup>1</sup> and protecting vulnerable communities, as well as the fundamental principles underpinning the Department's efforts to reduce violent crime and increase access to justice. This FY 2025 budget request includes funds to sustain and expand critical victim services and

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<sup>1</sup> Gender-based violence is a term used to describe violence directed at someone because of their gender or perceived gender, or which disproportionately affects people of a certain gender. For OVW's purposes, gender-based violence refers primarily to four crimes addressed under Violence Against Women Act grant programs: domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

a broad array of justice solutions. It will also enable OVW to further invest in innovative strategies that open new pathways to safety and justice for victims. OVW's priorities include:

- Advancing equity and tribal sovereignty as essential components of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by improving outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from historically marginalized and underserved communities, particularly those facing disproportionate rates or impacts of violence and multiple barriers to services, justice, and safety.
- Increasing access to justice for all survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including through exploration of survivor-centered criminal justice system reform.
- Strengthening efforts to prevent and end sexual assault, including victim services and civil and criminal justice responses.
- Expanding economic justice and financial advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including as a tool for violence prevention.

## **Background**

The mission of OVW is to provide federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through the implementation of VAWA.

Since its inception in 1995, OVW has awarded over \$10.0 billion in grants and cooperative agreements and has launched a multifaceted approach to implementing VAWA. By forging state, local, and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, and organizations that serve culturally specific and underserved communities, OVW grant programs help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while simultaneously enabling communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence.

Along with OVW's responsibility for the administration of VAWA grants, OVW's authorizing statute outlines several additional duties for the OVW Director. These include:

- 1) Maintaining liaison with the judicial branches of the federal and state governments;
- 2) Providing information on violence against women to the President, Congress, the judiciary, state, local, and tribal governments, and members of the public on matters relating to violence against women;
- 3) Continuing to serve as the Department of Justice's (DOJ) representative on domestic task forces, committees, or commissions addressing policy or issues relating to violence against women;
- 4) Representing the United States on matters related to violence against women in international forums;

- 5) Providing technical assistance, coordination, and support to other DOJ components in efforts to develop policy and to enforce federal laws relating to violence against women; and
- 6) Providing technical assistance, coordination, and support to federal, state, local, and tribal agencies in efforts to develop policy, provide technical assistance, and improve coordination among agencies carrying out efforts to eliminate violence against women.

## Challenges

OVW’s greatest challenges in the next year will be to: 1) continue implementing the many new provisions and requirements created by VAWA’s 2022 reauthorization; 2) support communities in preventing and responding to crimes that present unique challenges, including the intersections of gender-based violence and community violence, non-intimate partner sexual assault, and stalking; 3) help survivors who may be poorly served by or reticent to seek support from the criminal justice system or mainstream victim service providers to access the supports, culturally specific services, or other options that meet their needs; 4) assist tribes with implementing expanded tribal criminal jurisdiction; 5) reach potential grantees who have not previously applied for OVW funding or are hesitant to apply for OVW funding; 6) support core victim services and justice solutions as communities compete for resources and strive to recover from the damage wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic; and 7) build the internal infrastructure necessary to fulfill OVW’s statutorily envisioned role as the federal government’s leading voice on combatting violence against women.

## II. Summary of Program Changes

Item Name	Description				Page
		Pos.	FTE	Dollars (\$000)	
Transitional Housing	OVW is requesting a \$5.0 million increase to support transitional housing and related services.			\$5,000	76
Consolidated Youth Oriented Program	OVW is requesting a \$3.0 million increase to support services for youth and child victims.			\$3,000	79

Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program (ICJR)/aka Arrest	OVW is requesting a \$7.5 million increase to support coordinated community responses to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, with an emphasis on the criminal justice system's role in holding offenders accountable for their crimes.			\$7,500	81
Rural Dom. Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Asst.	OVW is requesting a \$2.5 million increase to support responses to violence against women in rural areas.			\$2,500	83
Legal Assistance Program	OVW is requesting a \$5.0 million increase to support legal assistance for victims.			\$5,000	85
Sexual Assault Services	OVW is requesting a \$11.5 million increase to support direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.			\$11,500	87
Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction	OVW is requesting a \$14.0 million increase to assist Indian tribes in planning, implementing, and exercising special tribal criminal jurisdiction to hold accountable non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, or other covered crimes, or violate certain protection orders, in Indian country.			\$14,000	89
Culturally-Specific Services	OVW is requesting a \$4.0 million increase to support culturally specific services for victims.			\$4,000	91
LGBT specific Services	OVW is requesting a \$3.0 million increase to support responses to violence against LGBT communities.			\$3,000	93

National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Assault (New)	OVW is requesting \$3.0 million to support a national service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse.			\$3,000	95
Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (New)	OVW is requesting \$20.0 million to support access to sexual assault nurse exams.			\$20,000	97
Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Against Individuals (New)	OVW is requesting \$10.0 million to support local law enforcement grants for enforcement of cybercrimes against individuals.			\$10,000	99
National Resource Center on Cybercrime Against Individuals (New)	OVW is requesting \$4.0 million to support a national resource center on cybercrimes against individuals.			\$4,000	101
Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons & Dom. Viol., Sexual Assault, Stalking, & Human Trafficking (New)	OVW is requesting \$10.0 million to support a Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons & Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, & Human Trafficking			\$10,000	103
Management and Administration Division	OVW is requesting funding to support an additional 9 positions /5 FTE	9	5	[\$861]	105
Pilot Program to Improve Victims Services on College Campuses	OVW is requesting a decrease of \$1.5 million in funding for the pilot program for Victims Services on College Campuses.			-\$1,500	109
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act Program	OVW is requesting a decrease of \$1.0 million in funding for the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act Program.	0	0	-\$1,000	111

<b>Total Program Changes</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	
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### III. Appropriations Language and Analysis of Appropriations Language

#### Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs

#### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS

##### (INCLUDING CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other assistance for the prevention and prosecution of violence against women, as authorized by the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, *as amended* (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) ("the 1968 Act"); title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the "Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968") (Public Law 90-284, *as amended*) ("the Indian Civil Rights Act"); the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322, *as amended*) (34 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) ("the 1994 Act"); the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-647) ("the 1990 Act"); the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-21); the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (34 U.S.C. 11101 et seq.) ("the 1974 Act"); the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-386, *as amended*) ("the 2000 Act"); the Justice for All Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-405, *as amended*) ("the 2004 Act"); the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162, *as amended*) ("the 2005 Act"); the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-4) ("the 2013 Act"); the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-22) ("the 2015 Act"); and the Abolish Human Trafficking Act (Public Law 115-392); and the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (division W of Public Law 117-103) ("the 2022 Act"); and for related victims services, [\$1,000,000,000] **\$800,000,000**, to remain available until expended: Provided, That except as otherwise provided by law, not to exceed 5 percent of funds made available under this heading may be used for expenses related to evaluation, training, and technical assistance: Provided further, That of the amount provided—

(1) [\$300,000,000] **\$255,000,000** is for grants to combat violence against women, as authorized by part T of the 1968 Act, *of which \$4,000,000 is for any applicable increases for the amount of such grants, as authorized by section 5903 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) ("2023 NDAA")*;

(2) [\$95,000,000] **\$55,000,000** is for transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault as authorized by section 40299 of the 1994 Act;

(3) [\$3,500,000] **\$2,500,000** is for the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Statistics for research, evaluation, and statistics of violence against women and related issues addressed by grant programs of the Office on Violence Against Women, which shall be



transferred to "Research, Evaluation and Statistics" for administration by the Office of Justice Programs;

- (4) [~~\$28,000,000~~] **\$20,000,000** is for a grant program to provide services to advocate for and respond to youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; assistance to children and youth exposed to such violence; [and] assistance to middle and high school students through education and other services related to such violence, and programs [of which ~~\$10,000,000~~ is] to engage men and youth in preventing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking: Provided, That unobligated balances available for the programs authorized by sections 41201, 41204, 41303, and 41305 of the 1994 Act, prior to its amendment by the 2013 Act, shall be available for this program: Provided further, That 10 percent of the total amount available for this grant program shall be available for grants under the program authorized by section 2015 of the 1968 Act: Provided further, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this program;
- (5) [~~\$80,000,000~~] **\$68,000,000** is for grants to improve the criminal justice response as authorized by part U of title I the 1968 Act, of which up to \$4,000,000 is for a homicide reduction initiative, and up to [~~\$8,000,000~~] **\$4,000,000** is for a domestic violence firearms lethality reduction initiative;
- (6) [~~\$100,000,000~~] **\$90,000,000** is for sexual assault victims assistance, as authorized by section 41601 of the 1994 Act;
- (7) [~~\$51,500,000~~] **\$52,500,000** is for rural domestic violence and child abuse enforcement assistance grants, as authorized by section 40295 of the 1994 Act;
- (8) [~~\$40,000,000~~] **\$25,000,000** is for grants to reduce violent crimes against women on campus, as authorized by section 304 of the 2005 Act, of which [~~\$20,000,000~~] **\$12,500,000** is for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Tribal colleges and universities;
- (9) [~~\$95,000,000~~] **\$60,000,000** is for legal assistance for victims, as authorized by section 1201 of the 2000 Act;
- (10) [~~\$10,000,000~~] **\$9,000,000** is for enhanced training and services to end violence against and abuse of women in later life, as authorized by section 40801 of the 1994 Act;
- (11) [~~\$28,000,000~~] **\$22,000,000** is for grants to support families in the justice system, as authorized by section 1301 of the 2000 Act: Provided, That unobligated balances available for the programs authorized by section 1301 of the 2000 Act and section 41002 of the 1994 Act, prior to their amendment by the 2013 Act, shall be available for this program;
- (12) [~~\$17,500,000~~] **\$12,000,000** is for education and training to end violence against and abuse of women with disabilities, as authorized by section 1402 of the 2000 Act;
- (13) [~~\$1,500,000~~] **\$1,000,000** is for the National Resource Center on Workplace Responses to assist victims of domestic violence, as authorized by section 41501 of the 1994 Act;
- (14) \$1,000,000 is for analysis and research on violence against Indian women, including as authorized by section 904 of the 2005 Act: Provided, That such funds may be transferred to "Research, Evaluation and Statistics" for administration by the Office of Justice Programs;
- (15) \$500,000 is for a national clearinghouse that provides training and technical assistance on issues relating to sexual assault of American Indian and Alaska Native women;
- (16) [~~\$15,000,000~~] **\$25,000,000** is for programs to assist Tribal Governments in exercising special Tribal criminal jurisdiction, as authorized by section 204 of the Indian Civil Rights Act: Provided, That the grant conditions in section 40002(b) of the 1994 Act shall apply to grants made;

- (17) \$1,500,000 is for the purposes authorized under the 2015 Act;
- (18) \$15,000,000 is for a grant program to support restorative justice responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including evaluations of those responses as authorized by section 41801 of the 1994 Act[: Provided, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 109 of the 2022 Act, shall apply to this program];
- (19) [\$35,000,000] **\$15,000,000** is for culturally specific services for victims, as authorized by section 121 of the 2005 Act;
- (20) \$3,000,000 is for an initiative to support cross-designation of tribal prosecutors as Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys: Provided, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this initiative;
- (21) [8,000,000] **\$4,000,000** is for grants to enhance lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender specific services, as authorized by section 206 of the 2022 Act: Provided, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this program;
- (22) [\$6,000,000] **\$2,000,000** is for a National Deaf Services Line to provide [remote] services to Deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking: Provided, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this service line;
- (23) [\$10,000,000] **\$5,000,000** is for grants for outreach and services to underserved populations, as authorized by section 120 of the 2005 Act;
- (24) [\$8,000,000] **\$4,000,000** is for an initiative to provide financial assistance to victims, including evaluation of the effectiveness of funded projects: Provided, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this initiative;
- (25) \$5,000,000 is for trauma-informed, victim-centered training for law enforcement, and related research and evaluation activities, as authorized by section 41701 of the 1994 Act;
- [(26) \$5,000,000 is for an initiative to build the capacity of community-based organizations that serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in culturally specific and other underserved communities to apply for and manage federal grant funding: Provided, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this initiative;]
- [(27)] **(26)** \$3,000,000 is for a National Services Line to provide services for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse: Provided, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this paragraph;
- [(28)] **(27)** \$20,000,000 is for grants to support access to sexual assault nurse examinations, as authorized by section 304 of title III of the 2004 Act: Provided, That the grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this program;
- [(29)] **(28)** \$10,000,000 is for local law enforcement grants for prevention, enforcement, and prosecution of cybercrimes against individuals, as authorized by section 1401 of the 2022 Act: Provided, That the grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this program;
- [and]
- [(30)] **(29)** \$4,000,000 is for a National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals, as authorized by section 1402 of the 2022 Act: Provided, That the grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this paragraph[.]; **and**

***(30) \$10,000,000 is for grants to address the intersection of missing or murdered Indigenous persons with domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking: Provided,***

*that the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to any such programs.*

(CANCELLATION)Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations available under this heading, [~~\$5,000,000~~]~~\$15,000,000~~ are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided further, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.Note.--A full-year 2024 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the Budget was prepared; therefore, the Budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act (Division A of Public Law 118-15, as amended). The amounts included for 2024 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

### **Analysis of Appropriations Language**

- The appropriations language above is the FY 2024 President’s Budget and displays changes from that language in brackets, italics, and bold typeface.
- The FY 2025 request includes \$800,000,000 for programs administered by OVW to prevent and respond to violence against women, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The language reflects that this entire amount is requested as directly appropriated.
- The FY 2025 request adds language in paragraph (1) providing that \$4.0 million be set aside from the grants to combat violence against women appropriation to fund increases to OVW’s STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants to states, as authorized by the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023. A \$10.0 million set aside for this purpose was included in FY 2023 Enacted. The FY 2025 request reduces the amount of funding for these grant enhancements for states implementing qualifying rights for survivors of sexual assault because too few states sought and qualified for the increased awards in FY 2023.
- The FY 2025 request removes language in paragraph (4) that specifically set aside \$10,000,000 from the Consolidated Youth program for programs to engage men and youth in preventing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The revised language, which mirrors appropriations language used in prior years before a strict set aside was established, will permit OVW to make awards for the different purposes of the Consolidated Youth program based on the quality of applications received, rather than capping the amount that is available for engaging men and youth activities. OVW anticipates that it will continue to administer the engaging men and youth portion of the Consolidated Youth program through a separate solicitation.
- The FY 2025 request continues to reflect a change in the FY 2024 President Budget that removed language in paragraph (5) that would set aside from the ICJR program \$8.0

million for an initiative to identify and promulgate effective policing and prosecution responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and \$1.0 million for an initiative to enhance investigation and prosecution of online harassment and abuse. In VAWA 2022, Congress authorized grant programs that largely mirror the purpose of these set asides. Therefore, the FY 2025 request (like the FY 2024 President's Budget) instead requests an appropriation for a policing program in paragraph (25) and a cybercrimes against individuals grant program in paragraph (28). The FY 2025 request includes language in paragraph (5) authorizing "up to" \$4.0 million to continue supporting the Homicide Reduction Initiative. Because the homicide reduction initiative is a long-standing initiative, and much of its work has been incorporated into the ICJR Program itself, the language would give OVW discretion to target less than the full \$4.0 million to the initiative.

- The FY 2025 request removes language in paragraph (18) that provides that the definitions and grant conditions in section 109 of the 2022 Act apply to the restorative justice grant program authorized by section 41901 of the 1994 Act because it is duplicative and confusing. Section 109 of the 2022 Act amended the 1994 Act to add section 41901; therefore, the two sections are one and the same. In addition, although section 109 of the 2022 Act (and therefore section 41901 of the 1994 Act) includes definitions, it does not contain any grant conditions. Rather, the grant conditions included in section 40002(b) of the 1994 Act itself (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)) will apply to the restorative practices grant program. Without the removed language, the definitions in section 41901 and the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 will apply to the restorative justice program, as is appropriate.
- The FY 2025 request continues to reflect a change in the FY 2024 President's Budget that added language in paragraph (21) appropriating funds for a grant program to enhance lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) specific services, as authorized by section 206 of VAWA 2022. The language of paragraph (21) was modified from FY 2023 Enacted to better reflect the authorizing language in VAWA 2022.
- The FY 2025 request removes language in paragraph (22) that suggest that all services provided through OVW's national Deaf services line will be provided virtually, although that is a primary focus of the proposed service line. Although virtual advocacy services can close significant gaps in services for Deaf survivors across the country, the nature and dynamics of support for domestic and sexual violence victims necessitates some level of in-person victim services support. Therefore, OVW anticipates that the nationwide "for Deaf, by Deaf" virtual services line will incorporate additional elements such as testing strategies to expand in-person services.
- The FY 2025 request does not include the appropriation for a pilot program to implement victim services on college campuses, which was paragraph (26) of FY 2023 Enacted. OVW will issue a solicitation for this pilot program in FY 2024 and anticipates that available FY 2023 funding will be sufficient to accomplish its purpose.

- The FY 2025 request includes language authorizing an initiative to address the intersection of missing or murdered Indigenous persons (MMIP) with domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. The requested \$10.0 million will enable OVW to support tribal victim services providers with resources to increase MMIP awareness; work with tribal, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to develop MMIP response protocols and reporting; inform the public and offer tribal community education on the connections between MMIP and domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking; and promote healing for families and survivors. This funding will also provide resources to support Healing and Response Teams, as recommended by the Not Invisible Act Commission. These Teams are designed to provide victim-centered support and advocacy using a tribal-based model of care.

#### **IV. Program Activity Justification**

##### **A. Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program (Referred to as Office on Violence Against Women [OVW])**

<b>Office on Violence Against Women - Grants OVW Appropriation</b>	<b>Direct Pos.</b>	<b>Estimate FTE</b>	<b>Amount (\$000)</b>
2023 Enacted	0	0	\$700,000
2024 Continuing Resolution	0	0	\$700,000
Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	0	0	\$0
2025 Current Services	0	0	\$700,000
2025 Program Increases	0	0	\$102,500
2025 Program Offsets	0	0	-\$2,500
2025 Request	0	0	\$800,000
<b>Total Change 2024-2025</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Office on Violence Against Women – Management and Administration</b>	<b>Direct Pos.</b>	<b>Estimate FTE</b>	<b>Amount (\$000)</b>
2023 Enacted	133	133	[\$35,062]
2024 Continuing Resolution	133	133	[\$35,062]
Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	0	0	[\$2,089]
2025 Current Services	133	133	[\$37,151]
Program Changes (Increase)	9	5	[\$861]
2025 Request	142	138	[\$38,012]
<b>Total Change 2024-2025</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>[\$2,950]</b>
<b>Office on Violence Against Women TOTAL</b>			\$800,000

**1. Grant Program Descriptions**

**a. Formula Grant Programs**

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
(1) Program Name: Service Training-Officers-Prosecutors Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program)

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$255.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$255.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The STOP Program was initially authorized by VAWA in 1994 and was reauthorized and amended by the Violence

Against Women Acts of 2000, 2005, 2013, and 2022 (VAWA 2000, VAWA 2005, VAWA 2013, and VAWA 2022). The STOP Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing advocacy and improving the criminal justice system’s response to violent crimes against women. It encourages the development and improvement of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies as well as victim advocacy and services – including legal services for victims – in cases involving violent crimes against women.

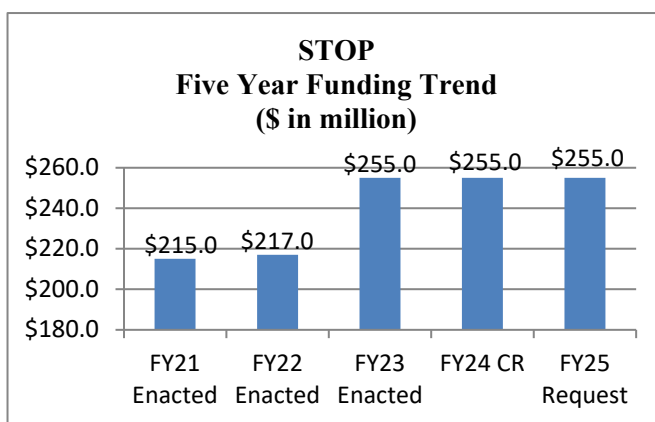
The STOP Program is the cornerstone of VAWA, funding the most essential elements of state and territorial responses to violence against women. The STOP Program has supported significant improvements in the criminal and civil justice systems.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 1994; codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10441 et seq.

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 1995

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are**

**Distributed:** Applicants are limited to U.S. states and territories. By statute, each state and territory receive a base amount of \$600,000. Remaining funds are awarded to states based on population, as determined by Census Bureau data, including tribal populations.



**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To support communities, including American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages, in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** In a recent year, 2,275 subgrantees reported serving nearly 345,000 victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking with services including advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling services and support groups, and legal advocacy. They reported training 255,900+ people, about a third of whom were law enforcement officers. STOP subgrantees funded 2,416 full-time staff positions and answered nearly 400,000 hotline calls. 14,000+ victims and 11,400+ family members received over 620,100 bed nights in emergency shelter. Law enforcement officers funded through STOP responded to nearly 76,000 calls for service, and prosecutors disposed 90,500+ cases.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

2023 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANTS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ALABAMA	\$ 2,675,747	NEVADA	\$ 1,899,934
ALASKA	\$ 900,088	NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 1,170,749
ARIZONA	\$ 3,610,434	NEW JERSEY	\$ 4,388,692
ARKANSAS	\$ 1,845,882	NEW MEXICO	\$ 1,464,508
CALIFORNIA	\$ 16,565,772	NEW YORK	\$ 8,649,352
COLORADO	\$ 2,988,944	NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,976,640
CONNECTICUT	\$ 2,083,375	NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 918,773
DELAWARE	\$ 1,016,596	OHIO	\$ 5,409,062
DIST OF COLUMBIA	\$ 874,815	OKLAHOMA	\$ 2,244,384
FLORIDA	\$ 9,699,712	OREGON	\$ 2,334,517
GEORGIA	\$ 5,064,141	PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 5,906,472
HAWAII	\$ 1,189,142	RHODE ISLAND	\$ 1,047,415
IDAHO	\$ 1,393,202	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 2,760,972
ILLINOIS	\$ 5,746,944	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 972,183
INDIANA	\$ 3,395,197	TENNESSEE	\$ 3,484,498
IOWA	\$ 1,909,239	TEXAS	\$ 12,884,227
KANSAS	\$ 1,801,503	UTAH	\$ 1,982,987
KENTUCKY	\$ 2,445,855	VERMONT	\$ 864,695
LOUISIANA	\$ 2,477,734	VIRGINIA	\$ 4,152,217
MAINE	\$ 1,166,702	WASHINGTON	\$ 3,784,939
MARYLAND	\$ 3,121,784	WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 1,326,165
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 3,456,123	WISCONSIN	\$ 3,010,467
MICHIGAN	\$ 4,704,665	WYOMING	\$ 837,826
MINNESOTA	\$ 2,938,734	PUERTO RICO	\$ 1,917,940
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,802,692	VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$ 643,121
MISSOURI	\$ 3,127,223	GUAM	\$ 669,168
MONTANA	\$ 1,059,332	AM. SAMOA	\$ 618,589
NEBRASKA	\$ 1,405,020	N. MAR. ISLANDS	\$ 621,057
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 171,408,146</b>

**Data source for all population figures are from the U.S. Census Bureau website:**

Table 1. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022 (NST-EST 2022)

2022 Midyear Population and Density for Region Summary (International Database): Virgin Islands, U.S.; Guam, American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands population region figures



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(2) Program Name: Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$78.5M
FY 2025 Request:	\$90.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** SASP was authorized by VAWA 2005 and is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. SASP encompasses five different funding streams for

states and territories, tribes, state sexual assault coalitions, tribal coalitions, and culturally specific organizations. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

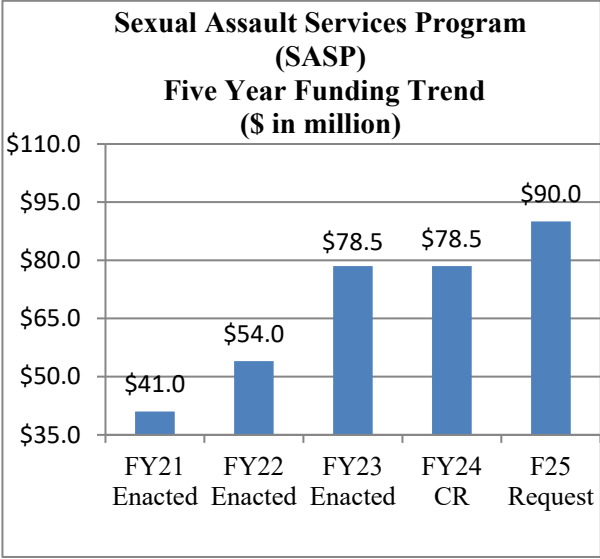
SASP helps survivors heal from sexual assault trauma by funding direct intervention and assistance, including 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, crisis intervention, and medical and criminal justice accompaniment. Victim service organizations such as rape crisis centers provide these interventions.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12511

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2008

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are**

**Distributed:** Applicants are limited to states and territories. Sixty-five percent of SASP appropriated funds are awarded to states and territories through a population-based formula. The 2013 reauthorization adjusted the SASP funding formula to provide the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico with the same share as states and to increase the percentage share for territories; VAWA 2022 again increased the territorial share. The remaining 35 percent are allocated as follows: 10 percent to coalitions, 10 percent to tribal governments, 10 percent for culturally specific services, 2.5 percent for training and technical assistance, and 2.5 percent for management and administration.



**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To direct grant dollars to states and territories to assist them in supporting rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** In a recent year, SASP subgrantees reported serving a total of 45,517 victims of sexual assault (99% of those requesting services). The most frequently provided services were crisis intervention, advocacy, counseling and support groups, and hospital/clinic/other medical responses.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:**

OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$11.5 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

2023 SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM (SASP) FORMULA GRANTS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ALABAMA	\$ 921,088	NEVADA	\$ 857,168
ALASKA	\$ 774,790	NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 797,091
ARIZONA	\$ 998,096	NEW JERSEY	\$ 1,062,217
ARKANSAS	\$ 852,715	NEW MEXICO	\$ 821,294
CALIFORNIA	\$ 2,065,486	NEW YORK	\$ 1,413,252
COLORADO	\$ 946,892	NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 1,110,658
CONNECTICUT	\$ 872,282	NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 776,331
DELAWARE	\$ 784,390	OHIO	\$ 1,146,285
DIST OF COLUMBIA	\$ 772,709	OKLAHOMA	\$ 885,548
FLORIDA	\$ 1,499,792	OREGON	\$ 892,974
GEORGIA	\$ 1,117,867	PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 1,187,267
HAWAII	\$ 798,606	RHODE ISLAND	\$ 786,929
IDAHO	\$ 815,419	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 928,109
ILLINOIS	\$ 1,174,123	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 780,731
INDIANA	\$ 980,363	TENNESSEE	\$ 987,721
IOWA	\$ 857,935	TEXAS	\$ 1,762,163
KANSAS	\$ 849,059	UTAH	\$ 864,011
KENTUCKY	\$ 902,147	VERMONT	\$ 771,875
LOUISIANA	\$ 904,773	VIRGINIA	\$ 1,042,734
MAINE	\$ 796,758	WASHINGTON	\$ 1,012,474
MARYLAND	\$ 957,837	WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 809,896
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 985,383	WISCONSIN	\$ 948,665
MICHIGAN	\$ 1,088,250	WYOMING	\$ 769,661
MINNESOTA	\$ 942,755	PUERTO RICO	\$ 858,652
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 849,157	VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$ 258,678
MISSOURI	\$ 958,285	GUAM	\$ 260,824
MONTANA	\$ 787,911	AM. SAMOA	\$ 256,657
NEBRASKA	\$ 816,393	N. MAR. ISLANDS	\$ 256,860
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 51,377,986</b>

**Data source for all population figures are from the U.S. Census Bureau website:**

Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022 (NST-EST2022-POP)

2022 Annual Business Survey; International Database: Virgin Islands, U.S.; Guam, American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands population figures

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(3) Program Name: State and Territorial Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Programs– (State Coalitions Program) funded by set-aside from the STOP Program

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$12.8M*
FY 2025 Request:	\$12.8M*
*Funded by set-asides from the STOP program.	

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** In VAWA 2000, Congress authorized grants to state sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions. The State Coalitions Program provides federal financial assistance to state coalitions to support the coordination of state victim services

activities, and collaboration and coordination with federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities. The program is funded by a five percent statutory set-aside from the STOP Program. The SASP State Coalitions funding stream also is administered through this Program.

Statewide sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions work across their states to improve systemic responses to victims and ensure quality services are provided by local rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters, and other victim service providers. These coalitions support victim service providers in their states through training and technical assistance, public awareness, and advocacy.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2000; Codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441(c)

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funded through set aside from STOP Program in FY 2001.

**Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** State and territorial sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions are eligible to apply. Funds are distributed evenly across state domestic violence coalitions, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, and sexual assault services coalitions, determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

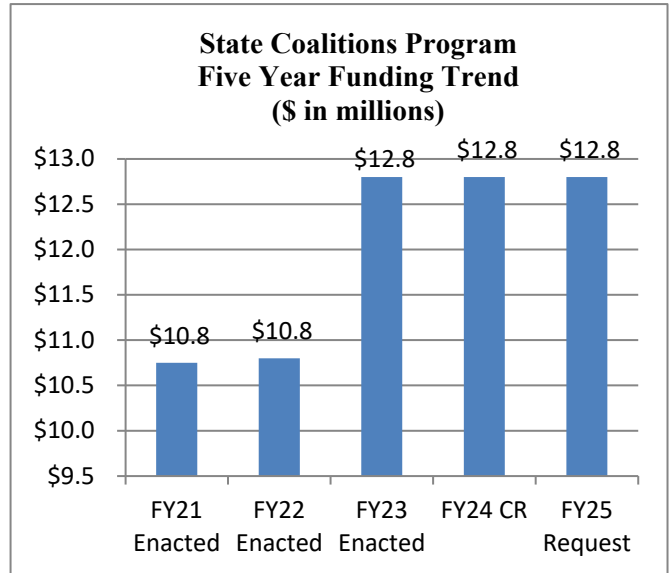
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To coordinate victim services activities, collaborate and coordinate with federal, state, territorial and local entities; and to support the maintenance and expansion of state and territorial sexual assault coalitions.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** State Coalitions grantees—including domestic violence coalitions, sexual assault coalitions, and dual coalitions whose member programs serve victims of both types of crimes—reported convening 1,100+ training events and providing 18,000+ technical assistance activities during a recent six-month period. Grantees trained 29,700+ people during those six months (primarily victim advocates), on topics including advocacy, confidentiality, and safety planning.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit the OVW website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(4) Program Name: Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program – (Tribal Coalitions Program) funded by set-asides from the STOP and ICJR/Arrest Programs

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$8.3M*
FY 2025 Request:	\$8.8M*
*Funded by set-asides from larger programs	

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Tribal Coalitions Program, first authorized by VAWA 2000 and amended by subsequent legislation, 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. The program is funded by statutory set asides from 1/56<sup>th</sup> of the STOP Program, five percent of the Arrest Program and one percent of the SASP Program. VAWA 2013 changed the program from discretionary to a combination of discretionary and formula funding.

Tribal Coalitions Program grants are used to increase awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking committed against American Indian and Alaska Native women; enhance the response to violence against women at the tribal, federal, and state levels; develop and promote legislation, policies and best practices; and identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal reservation communities to enhance access to essential services.

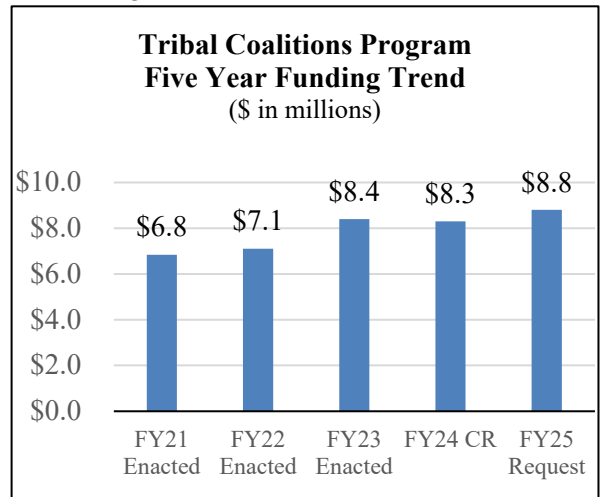
**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2000; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441(d)

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funded through set aside from STOP Program in FY 2001.

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are**

**Distributed:** Recognized tribal coalitions may apply. Funds are distributed through a formula that divides available funding evenly across tribal coalitions. VAWA 2013 established that at least ninety percent of funds be distributed to designated tribal coalitions. Up to 10 percent of funds can be distributed in a discretionary manner to organizations that propose to operate a tribal coalition in areas where tribes are located but no tribal coalitions exist.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To support the development and operation of nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions.



**What the Program Has Accomplished:** Tribal Coalitions grantees reported convening 111 training events during a recent six-month period, training 2,400+ people. The coalitions provided 1,900+ technical assistance activities during the six-month period on topics including program development, responding to sexual assault and domestic violence victims and providing culturally appropriate services. OVW awarded Tribal Coalitions Program grants to 20 coalitions in FY 2023.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$0.5 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit the OVW website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**b. Discretionary Grant Programs**

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
 (1) Program Name: Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (ICJR Program)

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$60.5M
FY 2025 Request:	\$68.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The ICJR Program was initially authorized by VAWA 1994 and was reauthorized and amended by VAWA 2000,

VAWA 2005, VAWA 2013, and VAWA 2022. As amended by VAWA 2022, the overall purpose of the ICJR Program is to assist state, local, and tribal governments and courts to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring coordination between victim service providers, staff from population specific organizations, and representatives from the criminal justice system. The program challenges the whole community to communicate, identify problems, and share ideas that will result in new responses and the application of best practices to enhance victim safety and offender accountability.

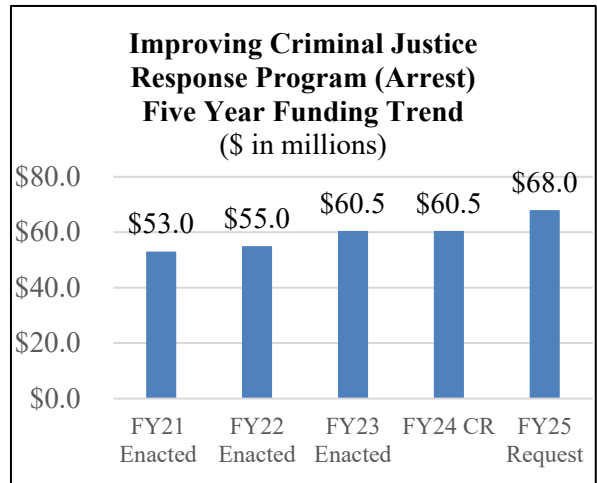
In October 2020, Congress enacted Savanna’s Act, which added two additional purpose areas to the ICJR Program: developing and implementing policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Indians; and compiling and annually reporting data to the Attorney General related to missing or murdered Indians. Pub. L. No. 116-165, § 7. The 2022 reauthorization added purpose areas regarding the development of state-wide databases with information on where SANEs are located and the development of alternative methods of reducing crime in communities. The 2022 reauthorization also set aside 15 percent of the Program’s appropriation for the Culturally Specific Services Program.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 1994; Codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10461 et seq.

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 1996

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, state, local, tribal, and territorial courts; sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking victim service providers (either nonprofit or tribal government); state or tribal sexual assault or domestic violence coalitions; and government rape crisis centers (in a state other than a territory) are eligible to apply. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To challenge the community to work collaboratively to identify problems and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.



**What the Program Has Accomplished:** ICJR Program grantees reported serving 36,900+ victims during a recent six-month period. The most frequently provided services were advocacy and crisis intervention. ICJR grantees answered 30,700+ hotline calls, ICJR-funded law enforcement agencies responded to 85,500+ calls for service, and ICJR-funded prosecution agencies disposed of 10,400+ cases

during the same six-month period. Grantees reported training 25,675 people, most frequently on advocacy and law enforcement responses to domestic and sexual violence, as well as safety planning for victims.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$7.5 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**ICJR Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants	\$31.7	\$30.0	\$25.5	\$25.5	\$28.7
Total Funding Awarded	\$30.7	\$30.0	\$25.5	\$25.5	\$28.7
Number of Applications	118	102	54	54	72
<u>Number of Awards</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Percentage of Apps Funded</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>39%</u>	<u>69%</u>	<u>69%</u>	<u>69%</u>

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(2) Program Name: Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program (LAV Program)

<b><u>Funding</u></b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$55.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$60.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The LAV Program was funded under a special initiative by Congress in 1998, later authorized by VAWA 2000, and reauthorized by VAWA 2005, VAWA 2013, and

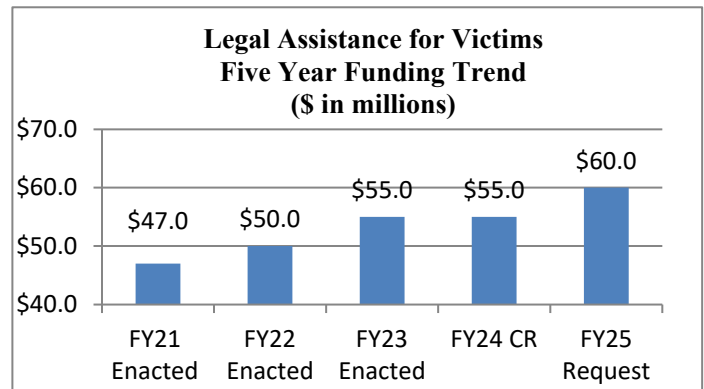
VAWA 2022. The Program funds projects that address the civil and criminal legal needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The LAV program supports legal services to victims seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of their victimization as well as expands pro bono legal assistance for victims. Criminal assistance under the LAV Program does *not* include criminal defense, except that VAWA 2022 authorized funding representation of victims in post-conviction relief proceedings related to their victimization. At least 25 percent of LAV Program grants support projects focused on providing legal assistance to victims of sexual assault. Three percent of LAV Program funding is set aside for grants to programs that assist victims within the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2000; codified at 34 U.S.C § 20121

**First Year of Appropriation:** Set aside from STOP in FY 1998; first direct appropriation, FY 2002

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds**

**Are Distributed:** Applicants are limited to private nonprofit entities, publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity; territorial organizations; Indian tribal governments; and tribal organizations. Discretionary program; competitive application process.



**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:**

To increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** LAV grantees reported serving 25,280+ victims during a recent six-month period. Over 400 training events were held by LAV grantees during that period, mostly for attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement officers. Grantees reported disposing of 23,600+ legal issues on behalf of clients during the six-month period, with the majority of these issues relating to protection orders, divorce, custody, and visitation. Almost one quarter (22%) of the victims assisted by LAV-funded staff received assistance with multiple legal matters.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$5.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**LAV Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	\$35.8	\$35.7	\$39.6	\$39.6	\$43.2
Total Funding Awarded	\$35.8	\$35.7	\$39.6	\$39.6	\$43.2
Number of Applications	135	152	175	175	196
Number of Awards	59	59	55	55	62
Percentage of Applications Funded	44%	39%	31%	31%	31%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(3) Program Name: Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program (Rural Program)

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$50.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$52.5M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Rural Program was established by Congress in VAWA 1994 and reauthorized by VAWA 2000, VAWA 2005, VAWA 2013, and VAWA 2022. The primary purpose

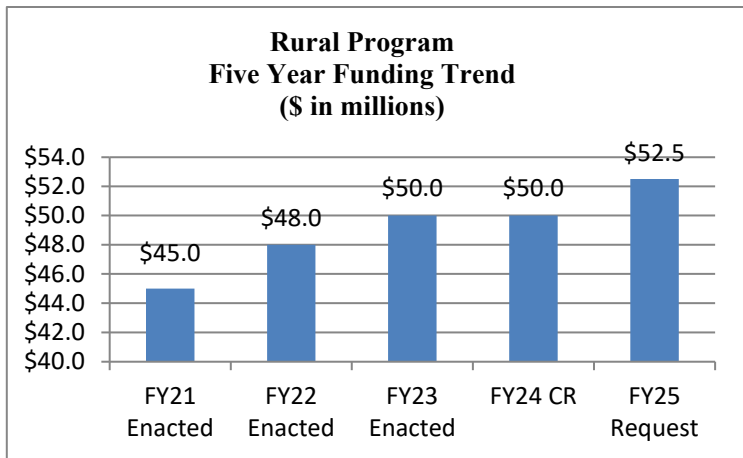
of the Rural Program is to enhance the safety of children, youth, and adults who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. The Rural Program encourages collaboration between victim advocates, law enforcement officers, pre-trial service personnel, prosecutors, judges and other court personnel, probation and parole officers, and faith- and/or community-based leaders to reduce violence and ensure that victim safety is paramount in providing services to victims and their children. The program supports services for victims, including legal assistance, as well as strategies to address sexual assault and special needs of victims in remote areas.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 1994; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12341

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 1996

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How**

**Funds Are Distributed:** Applicants are limited to states, Indian tribes, territories, local governments and nonprofit, public or private entities; (including tribal nonprofit organizations) in rural states and rural communities.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the Program is required to set aside no less than 25 to 40 percent of funds, depending on annual appropriations, for activities that meaningfully address sexual assault.



**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To enhance the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, and support projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** Rural Program grantees reported serving 13,500 victims during a recent six-month period, and the most frequent services provided were advocacy, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, and counseling and/or support groups. Rural grantees answered 13,770 hotline calls, law enforcement responded to 480+ calls for service, and 750+ cases were accepted by prosecutors during that same six-month period. Rural grantees convened 691 trainings between January and June 2019, for which law enforcement officers, healthcare professionals, and victim advocates were the majority of training participants.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12341(d)(5), at least 75 percent of the total amount of funding made available for the Rural Program must be allocated to entities located in “rural states.” The term “rural state” means a state that has a population density of 57 or fewer persons per square mile or a state in which the largest county has fewer than 250,000 people, based on the most recent decennial census. The remaining 25 percent must go to entities in “rural areas” or “rural communities,” as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(26).

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$2.5 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Rural Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants^	32.0	33.5	36.9	36.9	41.6
Total Funding Awarded	34.6	33.5	36.9	36.9	41.6
Number of Applications	87	96	128	128	134
Number of Awards	46	43	51	51	54
Percentage of Applications Funded	53%	45%	40%	40%	40%

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(4) Program Name: The Education and Training to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program (Disabilities Program)

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$12.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$12.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Disabilities Program was first authorized by Congress in VAWA 2000 and expanded to include victim services in VAWA 2005 and reauthorized by VAWA 2013 and VAWA

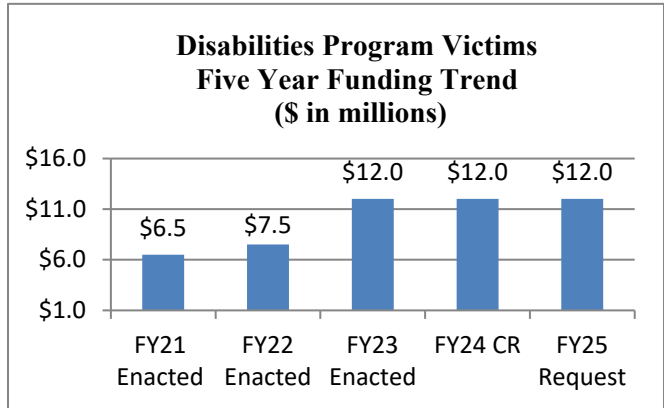
2022. The goal of the Disabilities Program is to create sustainable, systemic change that will both hold offenders accountable and result in effective services for individuals with disabilities who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and abuse by caregivers. The Disabilities Program supports education, cross training, services, capacity building and the establishment of multidisciplinary teams at the local level.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2000; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 20122

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2002

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds**

**Are Distributed:** Applicants are limited to states, units of local governments; Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations; and victim services providers, such as state or tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities. Discretionary program; competitive application process.



**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships and increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** During a recent six-month period, Disabilities Program grantees held 32 training events and participated in 220 technical assistance consultations and other activities provided by the program’s technical assistance provider. The most frequent topics grantees trained on were recognizing and responding to violence against people with disabilities, as well as trauma-informed responses to violence against women.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

### **Disabilities Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants^	\$5.0	\$4.4	\$8.3	\$8.3	\$8.3
Total Funding Awarded	\$4.1	\$4.4	\$8.3	\$8.3	\$8.3
Number of Applications	17	15	19	19	19
Number of Awards	10	10	14	14	14
Percentage of Applications Funded	59%	67%	74%	74%	74%

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(5) Program Name: Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program (Campus Program)

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$25.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$25.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Campus Program, first authorized in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and reauthorized by VAWA

2000, 2005, 2013, and 2022 is designed to encourage institutions of higher education to adopt comprehensive, coordinated responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Campus Program strengthens on-campus victim services and advocacy, security, and investigative strategies to prevent and prosecute violent crimes against women on campuses. The 2013 reauthorization increased focus on underserved populations and mandated that all grantees comply with specified minimum requirements: institutions of higher education receiving Campus Program grants must provide prevention education on violence against women for all incoming students, train campus law enforcement or security staff on appropriate responses to violence against women, train all participants in the campus resolution process on the unique dynamics of violence against women, and create a coordinated community response to violence against women to enhance victim safety and assistance, and to hold offenders accountable.

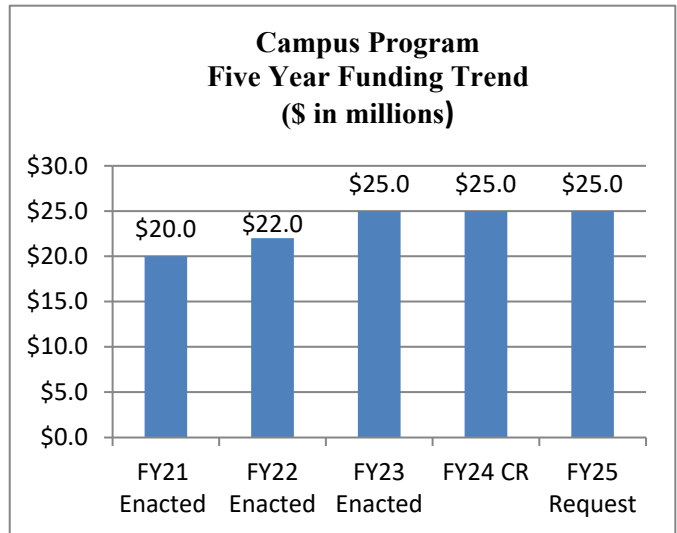
**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in Higher Education Amendment of 1998, and VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 20125

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 1999

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are**

**Distributed:** Applicants are limited to institutions of higher education as defined under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To strengthen the response of institutions of higher education to the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campuses and enhance collaboration among campuses, local law enforcement, and victim advocacy organizations.



**What the Program Has Accomplished:** Campus Program grantees reported serving 617 victims during a recent six-month period. The most frequently provided services were victim advocacy and crisis intervention. Grantees reported providing 396 trainings during the same period, mostly for educators, student affairs staff, and peer educators.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Campus Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	\$16.7	\$15.5	\$22.4	\$22.4	\$22.4
Total Funding Awarded	\$16.2	\$15.5	\$22.4	\$22.4	\$22.4
Number of Applications	88	83	113	113	113
Number of Awards	52	36	52	52	52
Percentage of Apps Funded	59%	43%	46%	46%	46%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(6) Program Name: Grants to Support Families in the Justice System (Justice for Families Program)

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$22.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$22.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Justice for Families Program, authorized by VAWA 2013 and reauthorized by VAWA 2022, is designed to improve civil and criminal justice system responses to families

with histories of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program also provides an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. The Justice for Families Program also supports the promotion of legislation and policies that improve court responses to these cases; training court personnel, child protective services workers and others; providing resources in juvenile court matters; providing civil legal assistance to victims and non-offending parents (where the other parent is represented); and collecting data and providing training and technical assistance to address civil justice needs of victims.

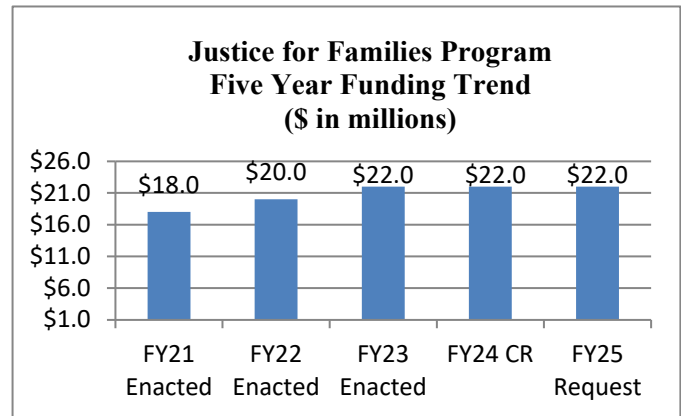
**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2013; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12464

**First Year of Appropriation:** First consolidated in Appropriations Act of FY 2013; appropriated under VAWA 2013 authorization of appropriation in FY 2014

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, courts (including juvenile courts), Indian tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, legal services providers, and victim service providers.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** Over six months, Justice for Families (JFF) grantees reported serving 6,500 victims, providing advocacy, legal assistance, court accompaniment, and childcare. JFF grantees provided supervised visitation and safe exchange services to 1,660+ families during the same six-month period. JFF-funded grantees convened more than 130 training events mostly for supervised visitation staff, judges, attorneys, and victim advocates, granted 3,880+ temporary and final protection orders, disposed of 2,170+ criminal cases, and monitored 1,000+ offenders.



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Justice for Families Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants^	\$13.8	\$14.3	\$15.3	\$15.3	\$15.3
Total Funding Awarded	\$13.6	\$14.3	\$15.3	\$15.3	\$15.3
Number of Applications	54	81	72	72	72
Number of Awards	24	26	25	25	25
Percentage of Applications Funded	44%	32%	35%	35%	35%

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(7) Program Name: Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program)

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 9.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$ 9.0M

**Program Description**

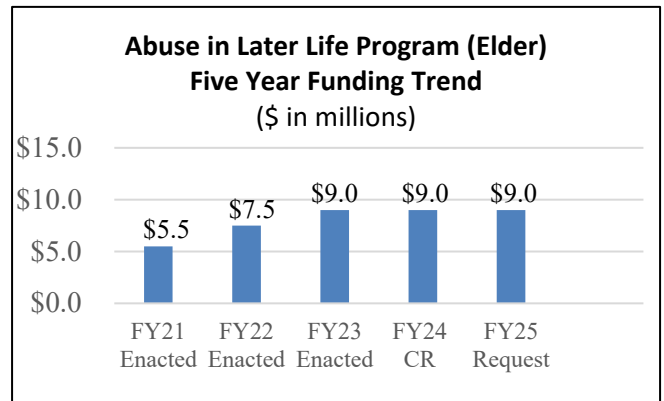
**Purpose:** The Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program) was created by Congress in VAWA 2000 and expanded by VAWA 2005 and VAWA 2013. Under this grant program, OVW funds projects that create multidisciplinary partnerships with law enforcement agencies, prosecutors’ offices, victim services providers, and organizations that assist older individuals and that provide a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse. The 2013 reauthorization also included a requirement that all grantees provide multidisciplinary training programs, serve victims, establish community coordinated responses to elder abuse, and conduct cross training. Those trained under the Abuse in Later Life Program are taught to look for signs of all types of abuse of older victims, including but not limited to physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and sexual assault.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2000; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12421

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2002

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are**

**Distributed:** Eligible applicants include: states; units of local government; tribal governments or tribal organizations; population specific organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age; victim service providers with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and state, tribal, territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions. Discretionary Program; competitive application process.



**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To addresses elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, against victims who are 50 years of age or older through training and services.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** Abuse in Later Life grantees served 954 victims during a recent six-month period. The most frequently provided services were advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling and/or support groups. Grantees answered 747 hotline calls in during the same six-month period and provided trainings to 977 professionals.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Abuse in Later Life Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	\$4.0	\$4.5	\$8.1	\$8.1	\$8.1
Total Funding Awarded	\$1.4	\$4.5	\$8.1	\$8.1	\$8.1
Number of Applications	8	12	10	10	10
Number of Awards	4	6	3	3	3
Percentage of Applications Funded	50%	50%	30%	30%	30%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(8) Program Name: Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Program)

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$50.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$55.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Transitional Housing Program, first authorized by the PROTECT Act of 2003 and reauthorized by VAWA 2005,

VAWA 2013, and VAWA 2022, focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. Grants support programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services including those designed to help victims secure employment. In addition to rental assistance or residence in a transitional housing facility, grantees may offer individualized services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, advocacy, licensed childcare, employment services, transportation vouchers, and referrals to other agencies.

**Authorizing Legislation:** First authorized in PROTECT Act of 2003 and subsequently authorized in VAWA; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12351

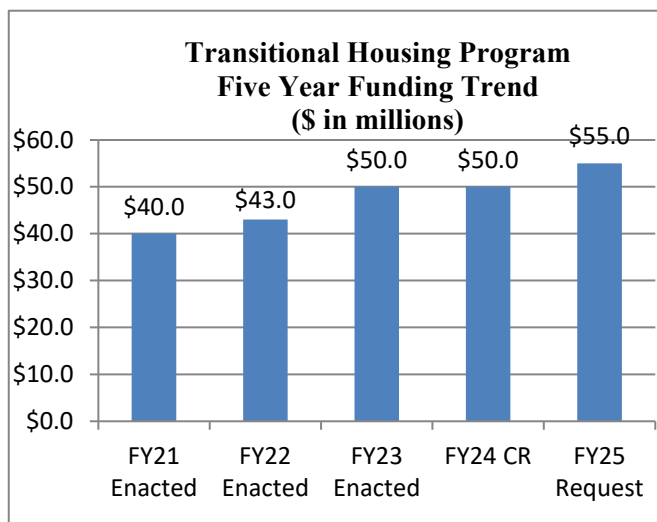
**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2004

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds**

**Are Distributed:** Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and non-profit and non-governmental organizations, including community-based organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:**

To support holistic, victim-centered provision of transitional housing services that move survivors into permanent housing. Awards support programs that provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services.



**What the Program Has Accomplished:**

Transitional Housing grantees reported serving 2,740 victims and 3,722 children and 114 other dependents during a recent six-month period. In addition to housing, other common services that victims received included crisis intervention, case management, housing advocacy, counseling and support groups, financial counseling, transportation, and employment counseling. More than 90,400+ transitional housing bed nights were provided to victims and 111,100 to children/dependents during the six-month period. Upon exiting the program, over 78 percent of victims entered into permanent housing and 79 percent reported feeling at a lower risk of violence than when they entered the program.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$5.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Transitional Housing Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grant^	\$35.3	\$36.2	\$43.1	\$43.1	\$47.5
Total Funding Awarded	\$35.3	\$36.2	\$43.1	\$43.1	\$47.5
Number of Applications	143	162	186	186	204
Number of Awards	68	73	81	81	90
Percentage of Applications Funded	42%	45%	44%	44%	44%

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

## OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

(9) Program Name: Consolidated Youth Program

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$17.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$20.0M

### **Program Description**

**Purpose:** The 2013 reauthorization of VAWA authorized two, new youth-focused grant programs for which Congress has not appropriated funds. Rather, federal appropriations since FY 2012 have included funds for a Consolidated Youth Program that serves victims ages 0 to 24 and promotes boys' and men's roles in combating violence against women and girls. Rather than administer these funds through a single request for proposals, in FYs 2020, 2021, and 2022, OVW issued two separate solicitations: one focused on serving youth victims and one focused on engaging men and boys in ending violence. Programs designed to serve children and teens who have suffered violence and programs that involve men and boys in prevention efforts differ substantially in their aims and activities. Therefore, dividing the consolidated appropriation administratively and programmatically allowed OVW to better shape its grant making, training, and technical assistance around different objectives. In the FY 2024 request, OVW is seeking two separate appropriations – this one, which focuses on programming for children exposed to violence and youth victims, and another, which focuses on engaging men and boys in ending violence.

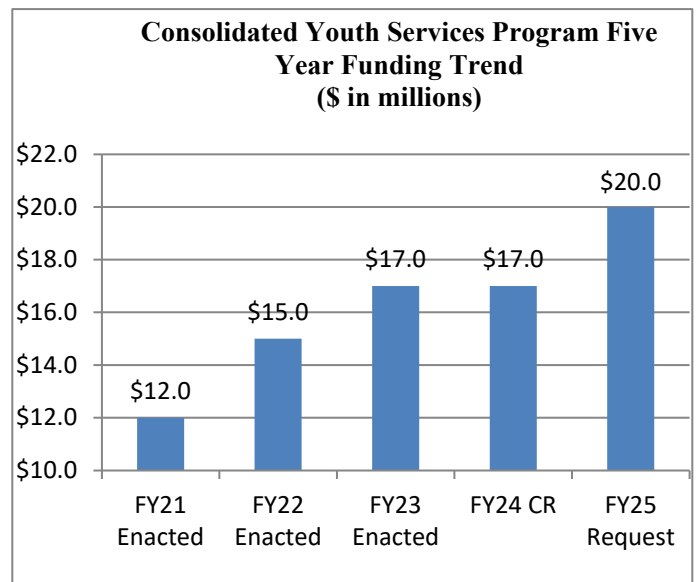
**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through Department of Justice Appropriation Acts

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2012

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** A nonprofit, non-governmental organization, an Indian tribe or tribal government entity with a demonstrated primary goal and/or history of providing services to children or youth, adult victims exposed to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To provide coordinated community responses that support child, youth and young adult victims through direct services, training, coordination and collaboration, effective intervention, treatment, response, and prevention strategies.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** During a recent six-month period, Consolidated Youth grantees reported serving 1,342 child victims of violence and 439 children indirectly exposed to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Advocacy, crisis intervention, and counseling were the most frequently provided services. Grantees also provided support to 267 non-offending parents.



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW's FY 2025 request is \$3.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Consolidated Youth Program Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	\$8.1	\$11.1	\$13.0	\$13.0	\$15.4
Total Funding Awarded	\$9	\$11.1	\$13.0	\$13.0	\$15.4
Number of Applications	98	117	95	95	97
Number of Awards	20	25	30	30	37
Percentage of Applications Funded	20%	21%	32%	32%	38%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(10) Program Name: Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program - funded by set-asides from the STOP, ICJR, Rural, LAV, Justice for Families, Transitional Housing, Engaging Men, and Consolidated Youth Programs

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$49.3M*
FY 2025 Request:	\$51.4M*
*Funded by set-asides from larger programs	

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Tribal Governments Program is designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against American Indian women including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking; enhance victim safety, and develop education

and prevention strategies. Congress authorized the program in Title IX of VAWA 2005 to replace OVW’s STOP Violence Against Indian Women Program. The Tribal Governments Program is funded by set asides from seven other OVW grant programs: 10% of STOP, 10% of ICJR, 10% of Rural, seven percent of LAV, 10% of Justice for Families, 10% of Transitional Housing and 10% of Consolidated Youth. The OVW FY 2024 request also includes a set aside from the separate Engaging Men and Youth appropriation.

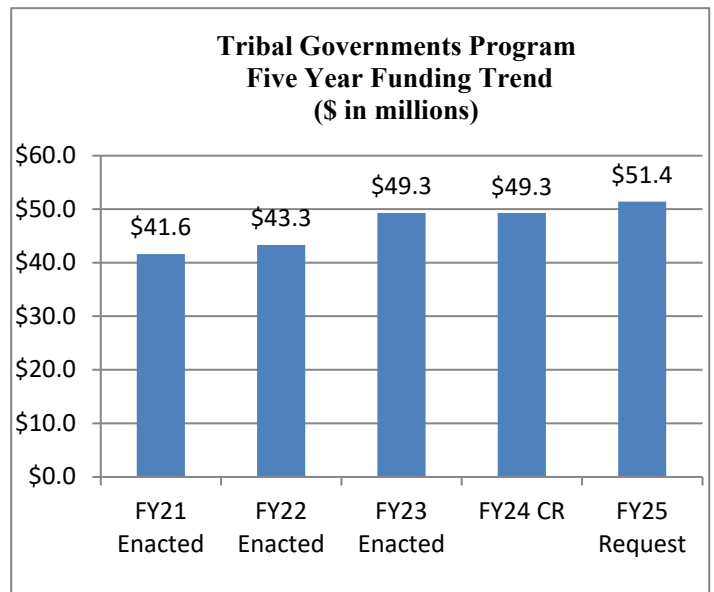
The Tribal Government Program awards funds to tribal governments and their designees to develop a comprehensive, multi-faceted response to violence against Indian women. Funds may be used for a broad spectrum of activities: developing and enhancing tribal governments’ response to violence against Indian women; strengthening tribal criminal justice systems; improving services for Indian women who are victims of violence; creating community education and prevention campaigns; addressing the needs of children who witness domestic violence; providing supervised visitation and safe exchange programs; providing transitional housing assistance; providing legal advice and representation to survivors of violence; developing and promoting legislation, policies and best practices; and addressing teen dating violence. In October 2020, Congress enacted Savanna’s Act, which added two additional purpose areas to the Tribal Governments Program: developing and implementing policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Indians; and compiling and annually reporting data to the Attorney General related to missing or murdered Indians. Pub. L. No. 116-165, § 7.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10452

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funded through set asides beginning in Fiscal Year 2007

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** Only federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, or their designees may apply. This includes Alaska Native villages and tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against Indian women, enhance victim safety, and develop education and prevention strategies.



**What the Program Has Accomplished:** Tribal Governments grantees reported serving 6,900 victims and 2,700+ children of victims during a recent six-month period. The services most often provided to victims were advocacy, counseling services, and crisis intervention. 2,330 victims and their family members were provided with emergency shelter. Tribal Governments grantees answered nearly 17,000 hotline calls, law enforcement responded to more than 500 calls for service and prosecutors disposed of 164 cases during the same six-month period. Tribal Governments grantees convened 230 trainings and provided 2,075 community outreach activities.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$2.1 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Tribal Governments Program Grant Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Estimates	FY 2025 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	[\$39.2]	[\$39.6]	[\$40.0]	[\$40.0]	[\$41.6]
Total Funding Awarded	\$32.4	\$39.6	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$41.6
Number of Applications	52	32	54	54	58
Number of Awards	40	30	48	48	52
Percentage of Applications Funded	77%	94%	89%	89%	89%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(11) Program Name: Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program (CSSP) funded by direct appropriation and set-asides from the LAV, Rural, Abuse in Later Life, Disabilities and ICJR Programs

<b>Funding (set aside)</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$15.4M*
FY 2025 Request:	\$16.8M*
<b>Funding (direct appropriations)</b>	
FY 2024 Request:	\$11.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$15.0M
*Funded by set-asides from larger programs and direct appropriations)	

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Culturally Specific Services Program (CSSP), authorized by VAWA 2005 and amended by VAWA 2013 and VAWA 2022, funds projects that promote the maintenance and replication of existing successful domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking community-based programs providing culturally and linguistically specific services and other resources. The focus of the grant program is directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups including American Indians

(including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks and Hispanics. The program also supports the development of innovative culturally and linguistically specific strategies and projects to enhance access to services and resources for victims of violence against women. The Culturally Specific Services Program is funded through a five percent statutory set aside from the Legal Assistance to Victims, Rural, Abuse in Later Life, and Disabilities Programs and a 15 percent statutory set aside from the ICJR Program.

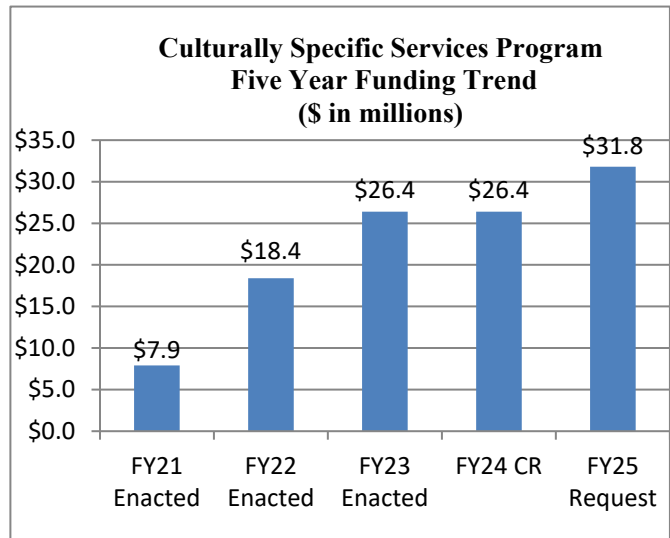
**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 20124

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funded through set asides beginning in Fiscal Year 2007

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds**

**Are Distributed:** Non-profit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics. Discretionary Program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To create an opportunity for culturally specific community-based organizations to address the critical needs of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking victims in a manner that affirms a victim’s culture and effectively addresses language and communication barriers.



**What the Program Has Accomplished**

CSSP grantees reported serving 2,600+ victims during a recent six-month period. Crisis intervention, advocacy, and counseling and support groups were the most frequently provided services. Grantees answered more than 2,670 hotline calls during that same period. Grantees convened 185 training events, reaching nearly 2,950 people.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW's FY 2025 request is \$5.4 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Culturally Specific Services Program Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants	\$6.8	\$15.41	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$30.1
Total Funding Awarded	\$6.8	\$15.41	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$30.1
Number of Applications	82	49	75	75	90
Number of Awards	23	40	53	53	64
Percentage of Applications Funded	28%	82%	71%	71%	71%

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(12) Program Name: Sexual Assault Services Program – Culturally Specific Services (SASP - CSS) – funded by set aside from SASP

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 7.9M*
FY 2025 Request:	\$ 9.0M*
*Funded by set-asides from larger program	

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** Ten percent of the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) is statutorily allocated to fund the SASP – Culturally Specific Services (SASP - CSS) Program. This program addresses the unique challenges that survivors of sexual assault from culturally specific communities face when seeking assistance, such

as linguistic and cultural barriers. The focus of the grant program is directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups including American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks and Hispanics. Many advocates report that survivors are more inclined to seek services from organizations that are familiar with their culture, language, and background. Culturally specific community-based organizations are more likely to understand the complex obstacles to accessing services for these individuals.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12511(c)

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2008

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** Non-profit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

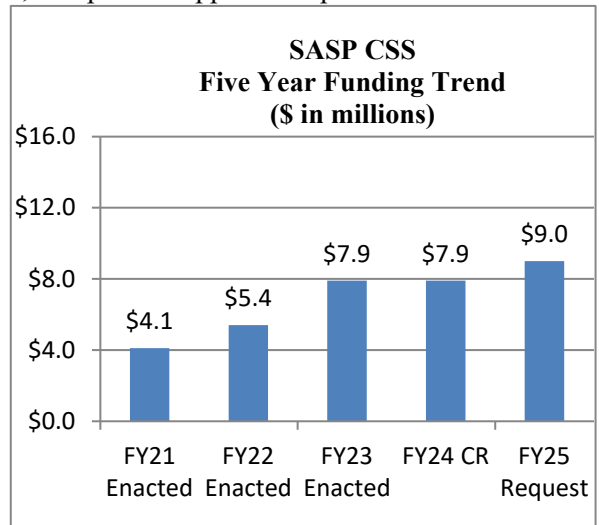
**What the Program Has Accomplished:**

During a recent six-month period, SASP - CSS grantees served 1,345 victims of sexual assault. The most frequently provided services were advocacy, counseling and support groups, and crisis intervention. SASP - CSS grantees answered 1,113 hotline calls during the same six-month period.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:**

OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$1.1 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.



**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**SASP - CSS Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	[\$4.0]	[\$5.4]	[\$6.9]	[\$6.9]	[\$8.0]
Total Funding Awarded	\$4.0	\$5.4	\$6.9	\$6.9	\$7.8
Number of Applications	22	27	29	29	34
Number of Awards	14	19	18	18	21
Percentage of Applications Funded	64%	70%	62%	62%	62%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(13) Program Name: Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP Program) – Tribal Program (TSASP) – funded by set aside from SASP

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 7.9M*
FY 2025 Request:	\$ 9.0M*
*Funded by set-asides from larger program	

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** Ten percent of the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) is statutorily allocated to fund the SASP Tribal Program (TSASP). This Program provides funding for the operation of sexual assault programs or projects in Indian

country and Alaska Native villages to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to assist those victimized by sexual assault.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12511(e)

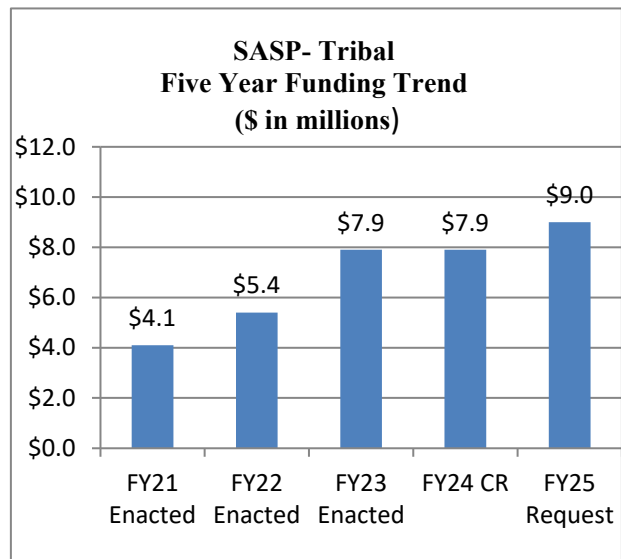
**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2008

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are**

**Distributed:** Applicants are limited to federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services projects in Indian tribal lands and/or Alaska Native villages.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** During a recent six-month period, TSASP grantees served 671 sexual assault victims. The most frequently provided services were advocacy, counseling and support groups, crisis intervention, transportation, and material assistance.



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$1.1 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**TSASP Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	[\$6.1]	[\$6.2]	[\$6.5]	[\$6.5]	[\$7.3]
Total Funding Awarded	\$3.8	\$6.2	\$6.5	\$6.5	\$7.3
Number of Applications	12	8	8	8	9
Number of Awards	10	7	7	7	8
Percentage of Applications Funded	83%	88%	88%	88%	88%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(14) Program Name: Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations – funded by direct appropriation and set asides from the STOP and ICJR Programs

**Program Description**

<b><u>Funding</u></b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 6.3M*
FY 2025 Request:	\$ 6.4M*
<b><u>Funding (direct appropriations)</u></b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 5.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$ 5.0M
*Funded by set-asides from larger programs	

**Purpose:** Section 108 of VAWA 2013 directed that the Attorney General set aside two percent of the ICJR Program and two percent of the STOP Program appropriations to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations and to provide victim services for these populations.

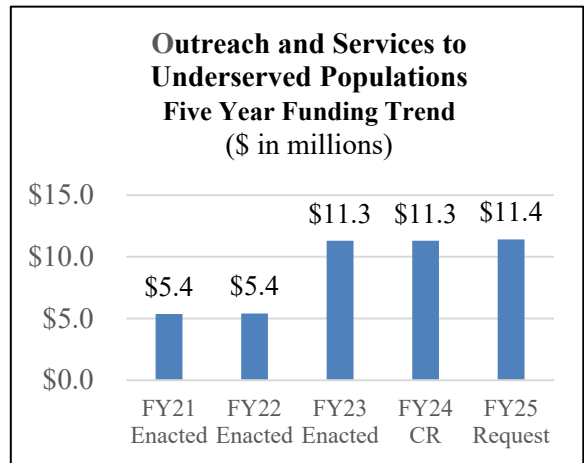
**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005 and amended in VAWA 2013 and VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 20123

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funded through set asides beginning in Fiscal Year 2014.

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** Population specific organizations that have demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population specific services in the relevant underserved communities, or population specific organizations working in partnership with a victim service provider or domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; victim service providers offering population specific services for a specific underserved population; or victim service providers working in partnership with a national, state, tribal, or local organization that has demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population specific services in the relevant underserved population. Discretionary program; competitive application process.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To provide enhanced services to underserved populations; build the capacity of both mainstream organizations and organizations serving underserved populations to provide culturally appropriate and inclusive services; and to increase training and outreach activities targeted at organizations providing services to underserved populations.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** During a recent six-month period, Underserved Program grantees served 2,056 victims and trained 3,916 professionals (primarily law enforcement officers, healthcare professionals, social services staff, and victim advocates).



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$100,000 above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Outreach to Underserved Program Grant Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	[\$4.9]	[\$4.5]	[\$10.0]	[\$10.0]	[\$10.1]
Total Funding Awarded	\$4.9	\$4.5	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.1
Number of Applications	30	33	35	35	35
Number of Awards	11	10	17	17	17
Percentage of Applications Funded	37%	30%	49%	49%	49%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
(15) Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program and Tribal Reimbursement Program**

<b><u>Funding</u></b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$11.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$25.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** In VAWA 2013, Congress recognized the authority of tribes to exercise their sovereign power to investigate, prosecute, convict, and sentence both Indians and non-Indians

who assault Indian spouses or dating partners or violate a protection order in Indian country. In VAWA 2022, Congress extended this recognition to additional “covered crimes”: assault of tribal justice personnel, child violence, obstruction of justice, sexual violence, sex trafficking, and stalking. Tribal Jurisdiction Program funds are used to support Indian tribes in exercising this special tribal criminal jurisdiction (STCJ) and provide tribes with technical assistance for making necessary changes to their criminal justice systems to exercise the jurisdiction. The program encourages collaborations among tribal leadership, courts, prosecutors, attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, probation, victim service providers, and other partners to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit covered crimes in Indian country or Alaska Native villages are held accountable. Additionally, funds may be used to provide indigent criminal defendants with the effective assistance of licensed defense counsel.

VAWA 2022 also authorized a new program to reimburse tribal governments or their designees for a broad range of expenses incurred in exercising STCJ, including investigations, arrests, prosecutions, detention, supervision, indigent defense counsel, treatment, rehabilitation, and re-entry services. This reimbursement program shares an authorization of appropriations with the Tribal Jurisdiction Grant Program; by statute, no more than 40 percent of the appropriation may be used for tribal reimbursements.

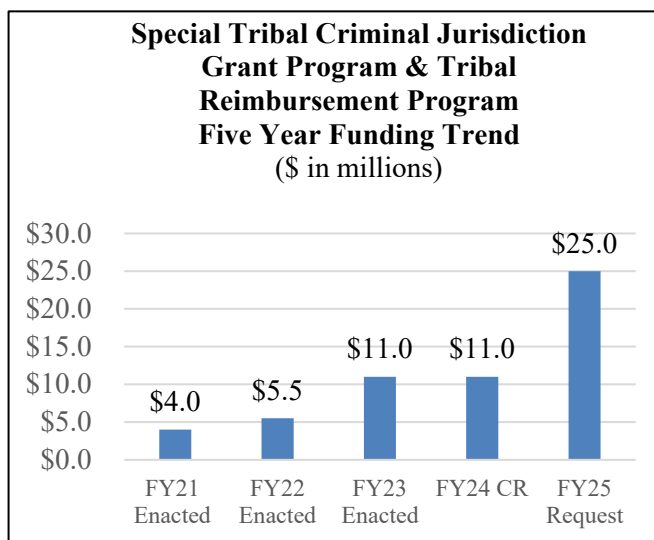
**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2013; codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. § 1304(h)

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2016 for grant program; N/A for reimbursement program

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** For grant program: Governments of Indian tribes. Discretionary program; competitive application process. For reimbursement program: Governments of Indian tribes that are exercising STCJ; distributed on a reimbursement basis except that reimbursement amounts may be proportionately reduced if sufficient funds are not available.

**What the Programs Are Trying to Achieve:**

Through the grant program, Indian tribes will receive support and technical assistance for planning, developing, and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise STCJ, as well as funding to exercise STCJ. The Tribal Jurisdiction Grant Program encourages the coordinated involvement of the entire tribal criminal justice system and victim service providers to incorporate systemic change that ensures victim safety and offender accountability. Through the reimbursement program, Indian tribes may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in exercising STCJ to hold non-Indian offenders accountable for covered crimes committed in Indian country up to a maximum allowable amount, to be established by regulation.



**What the Programs Have Accomplished:** Grantees have reported using Tribal Jurisdiction Grant Program funds to write and revise tribal codes and related policies, prosecute domestic violence crimes committed by non-Indian offenders on tribal land, and provide legal representation to defendants.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY2025 request is \$14.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program Grant Application and Award History<sup>†</sup>**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimates</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimates</b>
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	\$3.8	\$6.7	\$9.0	\$9.0	\$20.4
Total Funding Awarded	\$2.4	\$6.7	\$9.0	\$9.0	20.4
Number of Applications	13*	15	8	8	20
Number of Awards	13	15	6	6	15
Percentage of Applications Funded	100%	100%	75%	75%	75%

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

<sup>†</sup>The Tribal Reimbursement Program has no history of reimbursements sought and received.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
(16) Restorative Practices (formally Restorative Justice)**

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$15.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$15.0M

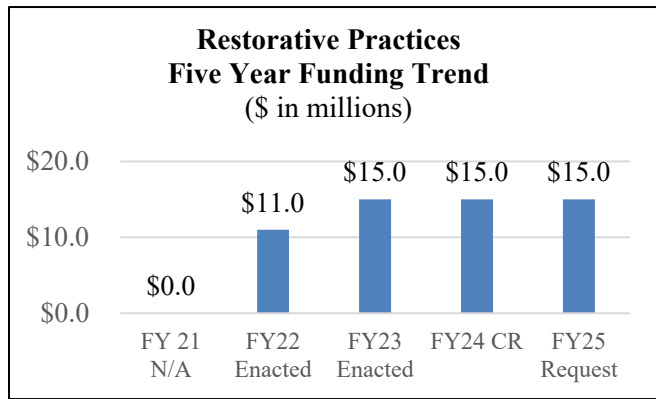
**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This grant program will support restorative justice responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including evaluations of such funded responses. Restorative justice is a growing practice in both the criminal and social justice fields that seeks to repair and address the harm experienced by victims, as well as any harm done to their community.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12514

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2022 President’s Budget

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Restorative justice has been identified as a strategy for addressing underreporting of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence by offering victims an option for remedying the harm while also responding to their concerns about how they will be treated by the criminal justice system. This substantial investment in restorative practices, as well as robust funding for evaluation, will enable OVW to test the efficacy of such practices and their uses in different types of communities.



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:**  
N/A

**Restorative Practices Grant Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Estimates	FY 2025 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	N/A	\$10.3	\$13.8	\$13.8	\$13.8
Total Funding Awarded	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
(17) LGBT Specific Services Program**

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR :	\$1.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$4.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This initiative will support and expand services designed to meet the unique needs of LGBT victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 20129

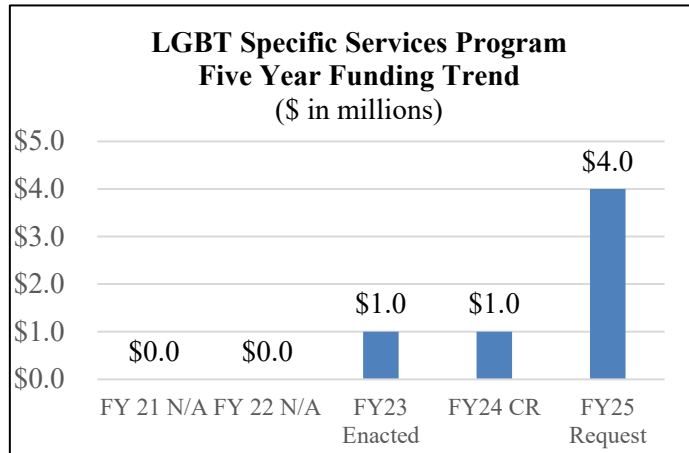
**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2023 President’s Budget

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** VAWA 2022 established an LGBT Specific Services Program to enhance services for this population and maintain and replicate community-based programs that are provided by and for LGBT communities.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$3.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:**  
N/A



**LGBT Specific Services Program Grant Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Estimates	FY 2025 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	N/A	N/A	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$4.0
Total Funding Awarded	N/A	N/A	\$1.0	\$1.0	TBD
Number of Applications	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(18) Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 0.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$20.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This grant program will support grants for regional Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training, salaries for

SANEs and Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs), and technical assistance and resources to increase access to SANEs and SAFEs, as authorized by VAWA 2022.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 40723

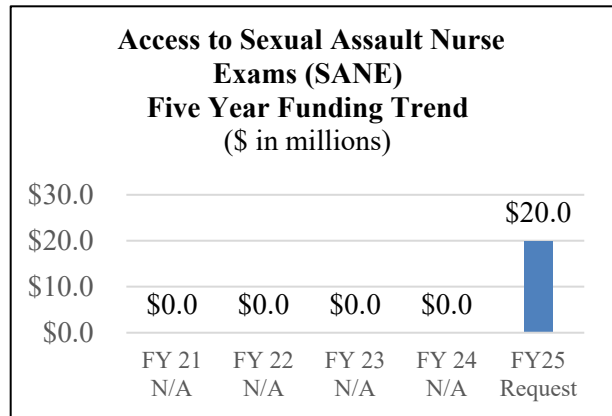
**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** This program will help address nationwide gaps in the availability and quality of post-sexual assault medical forensic care. OVW will collaborate with the Office for Victims of Crime to implement this program in coordination with other funding opportunities designed to enhance the quality and availability of post-sexual assault medical forensic care. Funding will support the establishment of new SANE/SAFE programs, strengthen, and expand existing programs, and provide technical assistance to establish and maintain SANE/SAFE programs.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$20.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:**  
N/A



**Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (SANE) Program Grant Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Estimates	FY 2025 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants <sup>^</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$17.0
Total Funding Awarded	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Applications	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Awards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD

<sup>^</sup>Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

**(19) Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Against Individuals**

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 0.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$10.0M

**Program Description**

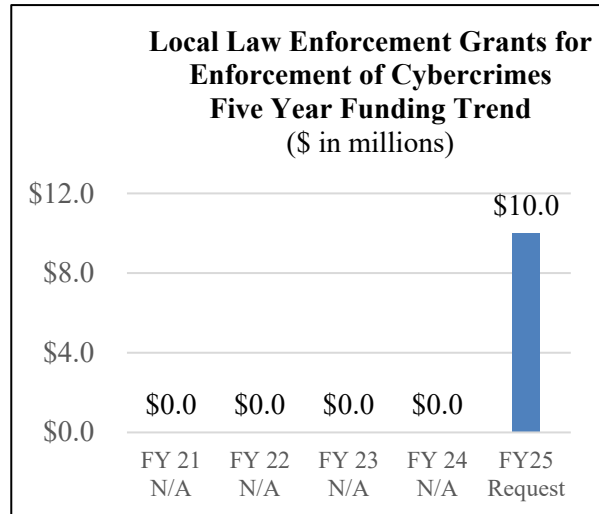
**Purpose:** This new federal funding, authorized by section 1401 of VAWA 2022, is designed to support the efforts of States, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and

prosecute cybercrimes against individuals, which are defined to include criminal offenses that involve “the use of a computer to harass, threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear to, or intimidate an individual, or without consent distribute intimate images of an adult[.]” 34 U.S.C. 30107 (a)(2). This grant program will focus on preventing and addressing technology-facilitated gender-based violence, including the investigation and prosecution of crimes such as the non-consensual distribution of intimate images, sextortion, and cyberstalking, as well as advocacy and support for survivors.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 30107

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Funding under this grant program can be used for training law enforcement personnel to identify and protect victims of cybercrimes, use Federal, State, Tribal, local and other resources to assist victims, identify and investigate these crimes, enforce laws that prohibit these crimes, and utilize technology to assist in investigation and enforcement actions. The funding also can be used to train prosecutors, judges, judicial personnel, and emergency dispatch personnel to respond to these crimes; support assistance to State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agencies to enforce laws that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals; educate the public about cybercrimes against individuals; fund victim assistants in law enforcement agencies; establish task forces to conduct investigations and prosecutions; and acquire equipment necessary to conduct forensic evidence analysis.



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$10.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program Grant Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Estimates	FY 2025 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$8.5
Total Funding Awarded	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Applications	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Awards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
(20) National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals**

<b><u>Funding</u></b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$4.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** Authorized by section 1402 of VAWA 2022, the National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals will provide information, training, and technical assistance to improve communities’ and systems’ capacity to prevent cybercrimes and

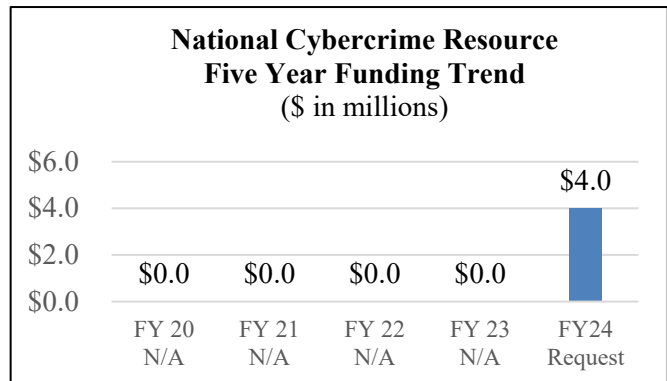
enforce laws against cybercrimes. This resource center will primarily focus on supporting efforts to prevent and address technology-facilitated gender-based violence, such as the non-consensual distribution of intimate images, sextortion, and cyberstalking, and enhance advocacy and support for survivors of these crimes.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 30108.

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** The new resource center will provide a range of stakeholders with current tools and research, information on best practices, and training and technical assistance to support prevention of cybercrimes against individuals and effective investigation and prosecutions of these crimes.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A



**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$4.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A

**National Cybercrimes Resource Program Grant Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Estimates	FY 2025 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3.3
Total Funding Awarded	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Applications	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Awards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD

^Amount Available for Grants does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

**c. Other**

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
(1) Program Name: Research on Violence Against Indian Women**

<b><u>Funding</u></b>	
FY 2024 Request:	\$1.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$1.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** VAWA 2005, as amended by VAWA 2013, called for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to conduct analyses and research on violence against Indian women living in Indian country and in Alaska Native villages. In conducting its analyses and research, NIJ was asked to focus on dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, stalking, and murder, and to evaluate the effectiveness of responses to those violations.

NIJ’s program of research on violence against Native women consists of multiple projects that address all the elements outlined in the mandate. The primary goals of the program include:

- Documenting the prevalence and nature of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women, including those living on sovereign tribal lands, in order to improve the nation’s understanding of the programs, services, and policies needed to address this problem.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of federal, state, tribal, and local responses to violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women to improve understanding about Native women’s experiences with and opinions of the services they receive.



- Providing recommendations to improve the effectiveness of such responses and to educate and inform policymakers and the public about the public safety and health issues that affect Native women.

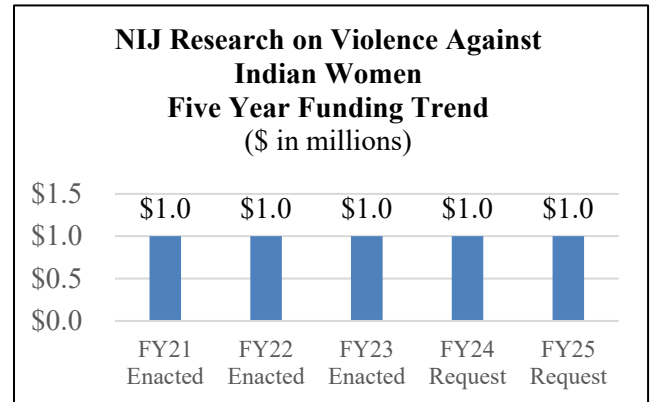
In FY 2021, NIJ supported four research projects that will examine violence and victimization experiences by American Indian and Alaska Native women and expand the body of criminal justice policy-relevant research. Results from all of these studies are expected to help support victim services providers and the criminal justice system in reducing crime and addressing the needs of victims.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10452 note

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2008

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To conduct analyses and research focused on dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, stalking, and murder as experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native women.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** In May of 2016, NIJ released a report titled *Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men: 2010 Findings From the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey*. This study provides the first set of estimates of sexual violence, physical violence by intimate partners, stalking, and psychological aggression by intimate partners over the lifetime of adult self-identified American Indian and Alaska Native women and men as well as victimization estimates over of the past year. It also provides estimates of interracial and intraracial victimizations and briefly examines the impact of violence. For more information see, <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/249736.pdf>.



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** <https://www.nij.gov/topics/tribal-justice/vaw-research/pages/welcome.aspx>

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
(2) Program Name: NIJ Research on Violence Against Women

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$2.5M
FY 2025 Request:	\$2.5M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The NIJ Violence Against Women Research and Evaluation Program promotes the safety of women and their family members and strives to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of

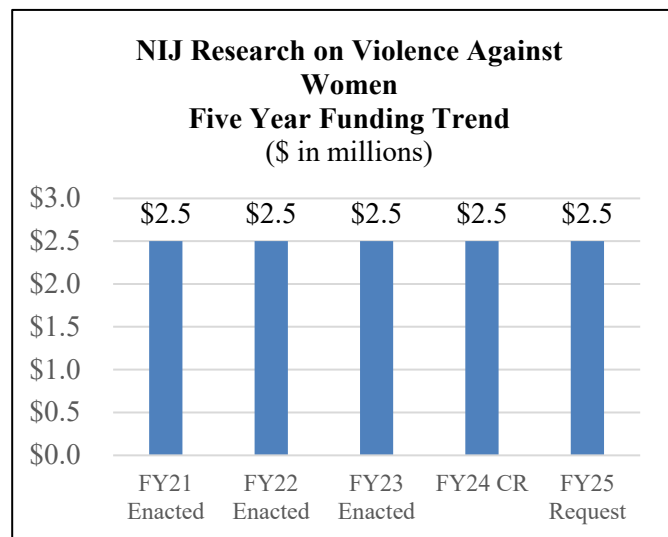
the criminal justice system’s response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. NIJ provides grants to researchers to study the causes and correlations of violence against women. In addition, it creates partnerships with federal agencies to promote collaborative research, conducts field tests to examine new approaches to combating violence against women, and evaluates the effectiveness of those initiatives.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through Department of Justice Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 1999

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** The goal of the Violence Against Women program of research is to study teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual assault through empirical research, and develop the evidence base for promising and proven interventions designed to reduce incidence of these crimes, serve victims, and hold offenders accountable.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** See the [Compendium of Research on Violence Against Women 1993-2020](#).



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit the OVW website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A

## OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

(3) Program Name: Homicide Reduction Initiative — funded by set aside from Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$4.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$4.0M
*Funded by set-asides from larger program	

### Program Description

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative (DVHPDI) is to identify effective replicable programs to prevent and reduce domestic violence homicides in communities. Through this initiative, OVW, in partnership with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), supports

demonstration sites, provides intensive technical assistance to those sites, and conducts a rigorous evaluation to determine the efficacy of these models in different communities and the key components of successful adaptations of the models, including a focus on culturally specific communities and underserved populations.

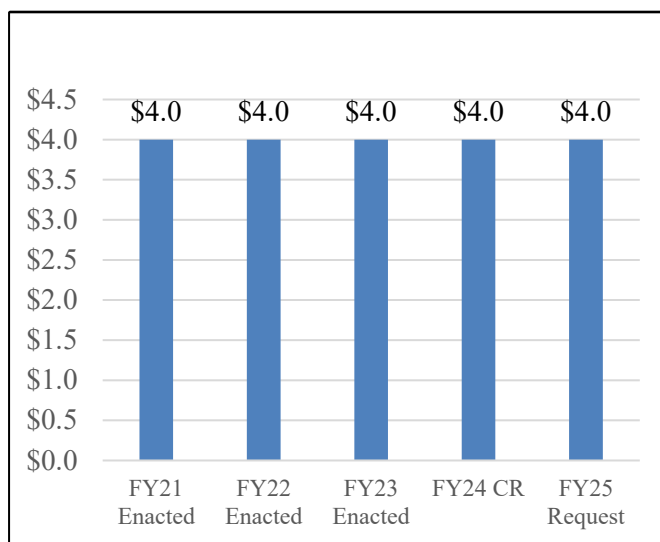
**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through Department of Justice Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** First funded from the ICJR Program, FY 2012

### Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed: Discretionary program.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** In FY 2012, OVW determined that the special initiative funds be used to undertake a demonstration initiative evaluating the efficacy of two domestic violence homicide reduction models that were in use and seemed to be showing promising results: the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) developed by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) and the Greater Newburyport Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) model developed by the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (JGCC) in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

A total of 12 sites that were not currently implementing any type of lethality assessment were selected for training on the models and assessed for evaluability. Of those sites, four were chosen to participate in an evaluation managed by NIJ. Evaluation findings are under review within NIJ. OVW anticipates a final report will be released in 2023.



**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(4) Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction Initiative — funded by set aside from Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$4.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$4.0M
*Funded by set-asides from larger program	

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction initiative will be to promote and test the effective implementation and enforcement of federal, state, and tribal firearms prohibitions in domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases. OVW anticipates supporting demonstration sites, providing

those sites with intensive technical assistance, and potentially evaluating replicable strategies to reduce firearms-related domestic violence deaths.

**Authorizing Legislation:** FY 2023 Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funded through set aside first requested Fiscal Year 2022 President’s Budget

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** Discretionary program.

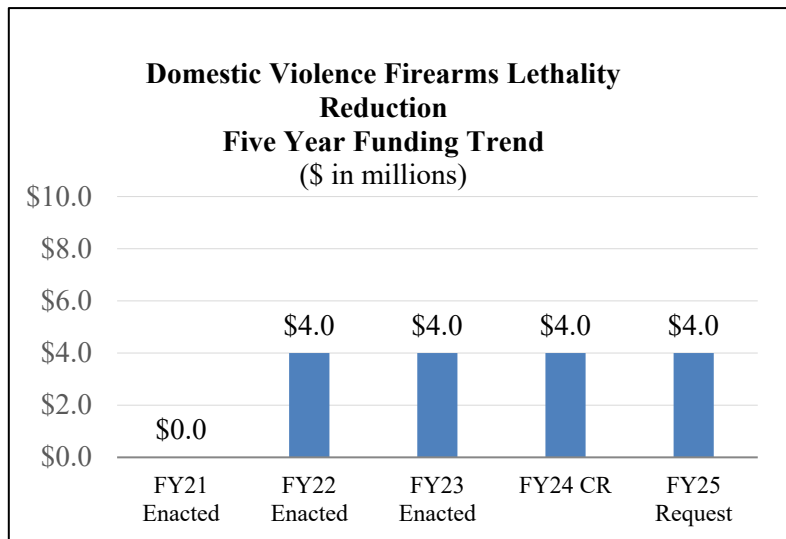
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Provide funding and intensive technical assistance to help communities identify and implement effective firearms enforcement procedures, including policies and protocols related to firearms relinquishment, with the goal of preventing murders and serious injuries.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
(5) National Resource Center on Workplace Violence

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$1.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$1.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** VAWA 2005, VAWA 2013, and VAWA 2022 provide for an award to establish and operate a National Resource Center on Workplace Responses to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence and sexual harassment. OVW maintains a cooperative agreement with Futures Without Violence to manage this Center, which provides information, resources, tools, and technical assistance to employers and labor organizations to better equip them to respond to victims. These efforts address the needs of employees in cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacting the workplace. The Center includes a website, [www.workplacesrespond.org](http://www.workplacesrespond.org), featuring model policies, training curricula, and information on relevant state and federal laws. Due to VAWA 2022 amendments, future awards may support the development and implementation of a pilot program to enhance the capacity of survivors to obtain and maintain employment.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C § 12501

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2008

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** An eligible nonprofit nongovernmental entity or tribal organization may apply in order to provide for the establishment and operation of a national resource center on workplace responses to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.

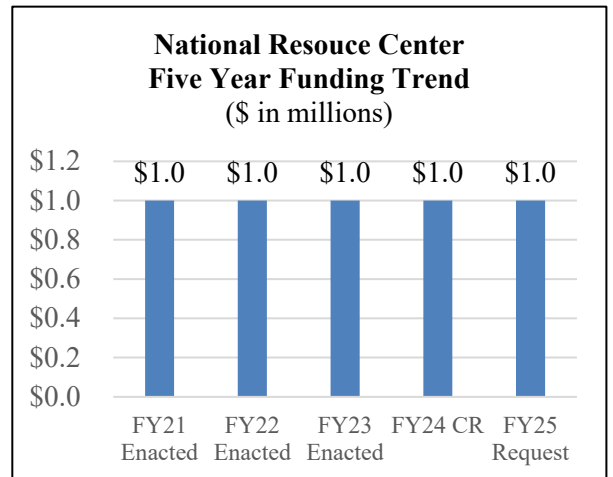
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** To provide for the establishment and operation of a national resource center on workplace responses to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.

**What the Program Has Accomplished:** In a recent six-month period, the National Resource Center reported training nearly 2,000 people, including public and private sector employers, unions, sports associations, and many others on how to prevent and respond to violence in the workplace.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:**  
N/A

**For additional information, please visit:**  
<http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>



**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A

**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
(6) Program Name: Sexual Assault Clearinghouse (Indian Women)

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$500K
FY 2025 Request:	\$500K

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** Through a cooperative agreement, OVW supports a national clearinghouse on the sexual assault of American Indian and Alaska Native women. The National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault (NICCSA) website ([www.niccsa.org](http://www.niccsa.org)) was launched in February 2014. The site is a valuable tool for professionals promoting safety, justice, and healing for American Indian and Alaska Native victims of sexual violence. The NICCSA clearinghouse is designed as a one-stop shop for information on sexual violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and teen girls and includes a toll-free hotline to provide personalized assistance in solving complex legal, forensic, and programmatic challenges for tribal callers. The website also hosts a directory of all certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) in the country (searchable by state).

The project offers technical assistance to individual tribes in assessing the feasibility of developing and implementing a SANE/SART response in their communities. A limited number of tribes will be able to receive on-site assistance with developing and implementing a systemic response to sexual assault.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through Department of Justice Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2012

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** Nonprofit organizations with the capacity to provide nationwide tribal training and technical assistance and institutions of higher education, including tribal colleges and universities, with the capacity to provide nationwide tribal training and technical assistance are eligible to apply. Discretionary program; competitive application.

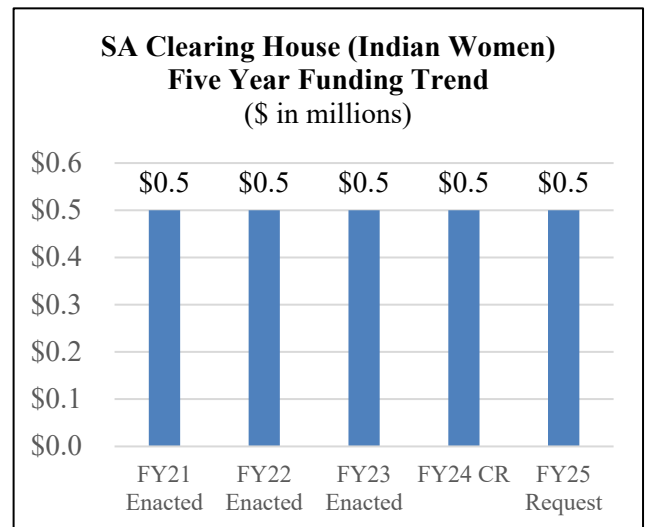
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault funding will be used to establish, sustain, and/or expand training, educational programs, and technical assistance on issues relating to sexual assault of American Indian and Alaska Native women.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:**  
N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:**  
N/A

**For additional information, please visit the OVW website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
(7) Rape Survivor Child Custody Act**

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$2.5M
FY 2025 Request:	\$1.5M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The Rape Survivor Child Custody Act directs the Attorney General to enhance STOP and SASP formula awards to

states that have in place laws that allow the mother of any child that was conceived through rape to seek court-ordered termination of the parental rights of her rapist with regard to that child, which the court shall grant upon clear and convincing evidence of rape.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Pub. L. No. 114-22, Title IV, §§ 401 et seq.; codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 21301 et seq.

**First Year of Appropriation:** Fiscal Year 2016

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:** Applicants are limited to states and territories. States and territories that seek enhanced STOP and SASP formula awards must submit a legal opinion stating that the state or territory meets the requirements of the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act. States and territories may receive enhancements of up to ten percent of the three-year average of combined STOP and SASP formula grant funds, with 75 percent of that amount supplementing the SASP award and 25 percent supplementing the STOP award. Enhancements are available for a maximum of four years.

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Encourage states to enact legislation that provides for full and final termination of parental rights of rapists based on clear and convincing evidence that the child was conceived through rape.

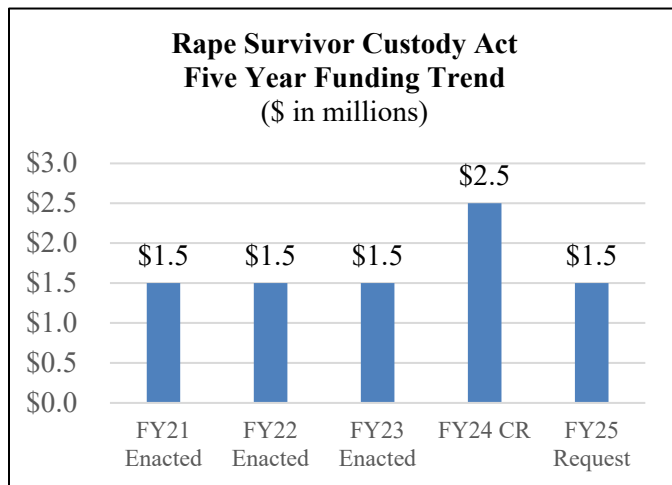
**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request includes a \$1.0 million decrease from the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:**  
<http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>

**Grant Application and Award History:**

In FY 2023, \$644,000 was awarded to two eligible states. Twenty-five percent of the funding was awarded with the STOP Formula Program, and seventy-five percent was awarded with the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Formula Program, in accordance with the Act.



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
(8) National Deaf Services Line

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$2.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$2.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** The National Deaf Services Line will provide services (not just hotline/crisis services) to Deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking that are designed to meet the unique linguistic and cultural

needs of these victims.

**Authorizing Legislation:** FY 2023 Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** First requested in Fiscal Year 2022 President’s Budget

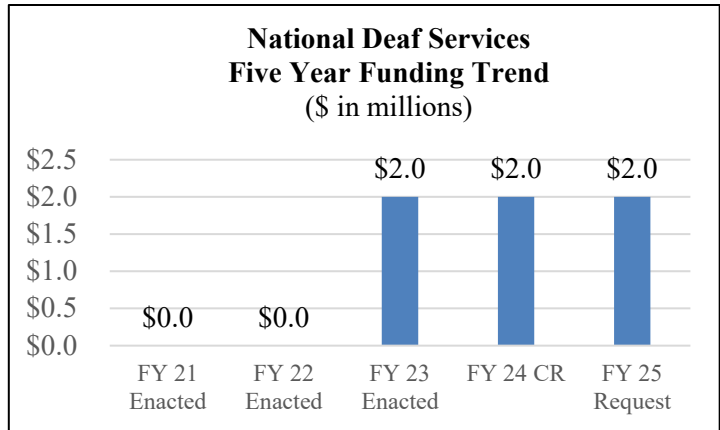
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking often seek services from mainstream victim service providers, which often are not well-positioned to meet the unique needs of these victims. A national Deaf services line will expand the reach of Deaf-specific victim services by providing these services virtually.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

**For additional information, please visit:**  
N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:**  
N/A





**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
(9) Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys**

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$3.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$3.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This funding would sustain and expand an OVW initiative to support tribal prosecutors to be cross-designated as

Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSAs). Since launching its Violence Against Women Tribal SAUSA Pilot Project in FY 2012, OVW has funded Tribes to work with a United States Attorney’s Office partner (and other Tribes in their federal judicial district, as appropriate) to hire or retain a mutually agreed upon tribal prosecutor to be designated as a SAUSA. These cross-designated prosecutors maintain an active caseload involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in tribal court, Federal court, or both, while also helping to promote higher quality investigations and better inter-governmental communication. Despite the project’s success, OVW repeatedly has struggled to find available funds to continue the initiative.

**Authorizing Legislation:** FY 2023 Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** FY 2022

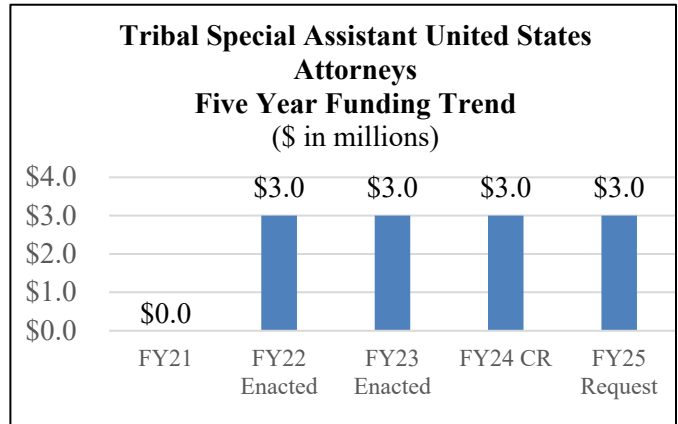
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Tribal SAUSAs facilitate communication and collaboration between tribal and federal law enforcement and prosecution, as well as prosecuting cases, thereby ensuring that offenders who commit violence against women in Indian country are prosecuted in either tribal or federal court, as appropriate.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A.

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
 (10) Financial Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Domestic  
 Violence (Financial Assistance Program)

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR :	\$4.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$4.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This new initiative will make grants to victim service providers to support financial assistance for survivors of domestic and sexual violence to offset costs victims incur as a result of

their victimization and assist them in pursuing safety and stability as they recover.

**Authorizing Legislation:** FY 2023 Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2023 President’s Budget

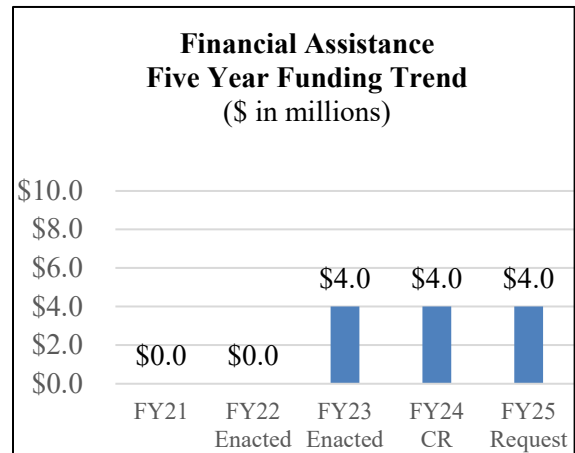
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Recognizing that financial assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence has yielded promising results, OVW requests funding to enable victim service providers to provide this type of assistance alongside other victim services. In addition, supporting financial assistance to survivors that can address their needs recognizes that survivors are in a better position than anyone else to make decisions about their own safety and recovery. Research cited later in OVW’s budget request indicates that, for some domestic violence victims, flexible financial assistance can mean the difference between stability and job loss, homelessness, and further abuse. The ability to use funds for things like back-rent, bills, security deposits, and transportation-related expenses can contribute to long-term safety and well-being for victims and their children.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:**  
N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(11) Abby Honold Act

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$5.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$5.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This grant program will support trauma-informed, victim-centered training for law enforcement, and related

research and evaluation activities. The program will enhance investigations of crimes involving sexual and domestic violence and build the evidence base for effective training curricula and tools.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Authorized by VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12513.

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2023 President’s Budget

**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** Domestic violence and sexual assault are serious crimes. Yet, far too often, an inadequate law enforcement response has thwarted investigations, caused further harm to victims, and allowed perpetrators to evade accountability and continue to commit crimes. This new grant program will provide law enforcement officers and others who interface with victims with appropriate training to respond effectively to reports of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking, ensuring that officers at all ranks have the requisite knowledge and skills to respond with competence and compassion when victims report what they have suffered.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:**

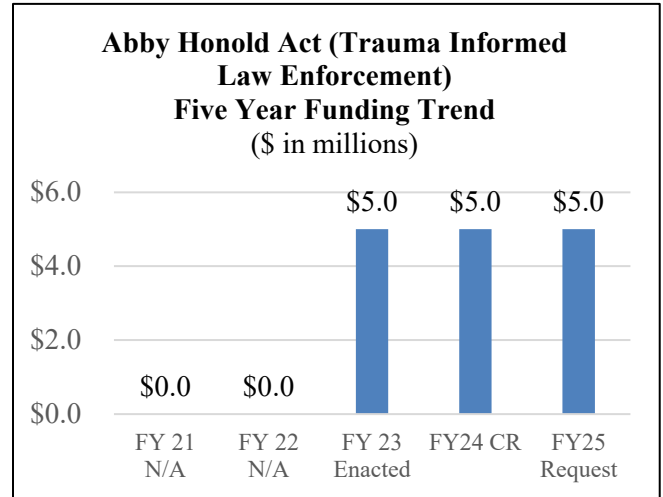
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**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:**

N/A

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**  
(12) National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse

<b>Funding</b>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$0.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$3.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This funding will support a National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through Department of Justice Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget

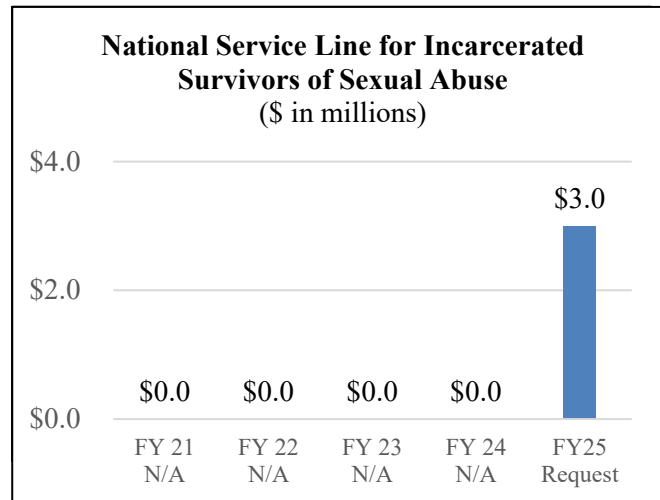
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** The requested \$3 million will enable OVW to fund a five-year project to launch and maintain a national service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse, which will provide support services to survivors in local, state, tribal, and federal confinement facilities, support coordination efforts with victim service providers, and offer technical assistance to victim service providers working with incarcerated victims.

**FY 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$3.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

(13) Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons, and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Human Trafficking

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2024 CR:	\$ 0.0M
FY 2025 Request:	\$10.0M

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** This funding will support a special initiative to address the intersection of Missing or Murdered Indigenous

Persons (MMIP) and domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through Department of Justice Appropriations Act

**First Year of Appropriation:** Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2025 President’s Budget

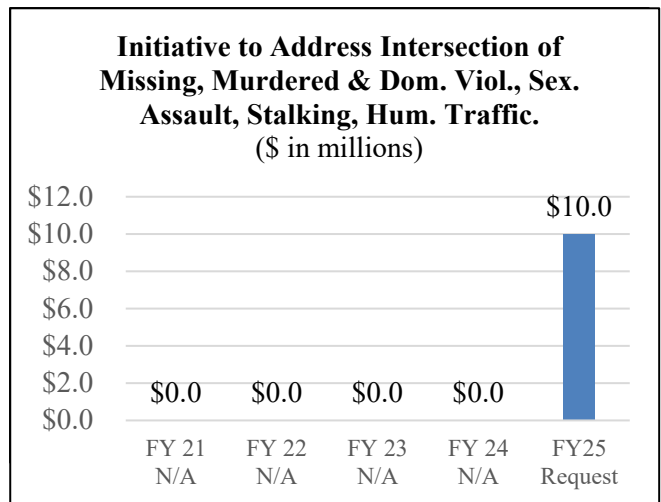
**What the Program Is Trying to Achieve:** The requested \$10.0 million will enable OVW to support tribal victim services providers with resources to increase MMIP awareness; work with tribal, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to develop MMIP response protocols and reporting; inform the public and offer tribal community education on the connections of MMIP with other crimes (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking); and promote healing for families and survivors. This funding will also provide resources to support the creation, training, and sustainability of Healing and Response Teams (HRT) that will be available to tribal community-based organizations, Indian Tribes, and urban Indian organizations, as described in the Not Invisible Act Commission recommendations. HRTs are designed to provide victim centered support, advocacy, resource liaisons, healing pathways, and systems navigation assistance using a tribal-based model of care in MMIP and human trafficking cases.

**FY 2025 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2025 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** OVW’s FY 2025 request is \$10.0 million above the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

**For additional information, please visit:** N/A

**Grant Application and Award History:** N/A



### **c. Management and Administration Expenses – Funded by Set Aside**

Since FY 2012, OVW’s Management and Administration (M&A) expenses have not been expressly provided for in the Appropriations Acts; the joint explanatory statements have noted that M&A should be supported with program funding. The FY 2025 request seeks this same structure, which excludes peer review costs and certain program contract costs. FY 2025 M&A for OVW is 142 positions, 138 FTEs, and \$38,012,000.

M&A expenses include staff salaries and benefits, travel for site visits, training expenses, space, telecommunications, and other necessary expenses to support the mission of OVW.

Reimbursable services provided by other DOJ components for certain grants-related services are also included in these costs.

The Office of the Director comprises the Director (Presidentially Appointed, Senate-Confirmed (PAS) Position, Advisor (non-career, vacant), Deputy Director for Policy, Communications, and Evaluation (non-career), Policy Advisor (non-career), and the Principal Deputy Director (non-career). This team is responsible for Office oversight and coordination of policy development, program development, and the management and administration of OVW.

OVW staff is divided into six divisions: Grant Development and Management; Tribal Affairs; Administration; Budget and Financial Management; Legal Counsel; and Policy, Communication and Evaluation.

**The Grant Development & Management Division** has primary responsibility for the development, oversight, and day-to-day management of all grant programs and approximately 2,446 grant awards administered by OVW (based on budget level of approx. \$700 million). Functions include, but are not limited to: researching and developing newly authorized grant programs; drafting solicitations (requests for proposals); responding to programmatic inquiries; overseeing and conducting peer review and programmatic review, including a past performance assessment, of all applications; analyzing final application scores and recommending a diverse pool of projects for support; drafting and processing all necessary award documents; developing and conducting annual “new grantee” orientation programs; assisting grantees with implementing their projects; ensuring compliance with federal regulations; identifying appropriate technical assistance; monitoring grantee progress in meeting their goals and objectives; developing, implementing, and managing substantive technical assistance for grant recipients; and developing and overseeing national demonstration initiatives to test promising practices.

Incorporated within the Grant Development & Management Division is the Grants Financial Management Unit. This Unit provides an array of grants financial management services, including reviewing all program solicitations for financial and administrative completeness and accuracy; negotiating proposed grantee indirect cost rate agreements, reviewing and approving all application budgets; processing grant awards and grant adjustments; reviewing pre-agreement cost requests; providing technical assistance to OVW staff, applicants and recipients on financial matters; providing financial management training; providing assistance with grant award close-outs, and providing liaison services for grantee audit findings.

**The Tribal Affairs Division (TAD)** provides federal leadership, national oversight, and guidance for Tribes and tribal organizations to strengthen their capacity and improve the federal response to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. This encompasses administration of tribal funds and programs; enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women from domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking; strengthening the federal response to such violent crimes; and providing support for Tribes and tribal organizations in the development of their organizational capacity to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women in our Nation's tribal and urban Indian communities. OVW TAD is responsible for meeting the statute that directs the Attorney General to solicit recommendations from Indian tribes at an annual consultation concerning the above referenced topic areas.

**The Administration Division** is responsible for the administrative management services for OVW. This includes human resources recruitment and management; labor relations; contracting and procurement; records management; property, safety, space management and maintenance; and personnel and facilities security. In addition, the division coordinates the information technology support services to include cybersecurity, voice, mobility and data, that improve the Office on Violence Against Women's mission, management, and internal controls.

**The Budget and Financial Management Division** manages OVW's budget and finance functions related to the office and provides audit liaison services for Government Accountability Office reviews, DOJ's internal control reviews, and financial statement audits. The Division is responsible for formulating and executing OVW's budget, providing guidance and advice on policies related to budget and financial management, performing accounting, financial management and fiscal operations, providing liaison services for organizational and financial audits, and establishing, monitoring and assessing OVW internal controls.

**The Legal Counsel Division** is responsible for providing legal support to the Office's management and staff.

**The Policy, Communications and Evaluation Division (PCE)** provides expertise on policy development, community outreach, and OVW program effectiveness. The Division informs Congress, the White House, and other federal agencies on policies and data that support the strengthening of services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. PCE also advises internal DOJ leadership on priorities, activities, and promising practices in law enforcement, criminal justice, and the social services sector that promote survivor safety. Leveraging community partnerships and evaluation data, PCE participates in inter and intra-agency initiatives promoting whole-of-government approach to addressing gender-based violence. PCE works with DOJ's Office of Legislative Affairs, Office of Public Affairs, and the Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison to coordinate communications and targeted outreach to the public.

## 2. Performance and Resources Tables

PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES TABLE												
Decision Unit:												
RESOURCES (\$ in thousands)			Target		Actual		Target		Changes		Requested (Total)	
			FY 2023		FY 2023		FY 2024		Current Services Adjustments and FY 2025 Program Changes		FY 2025 Request	
Total Costs and FTE (Reimbursable: FTE are included, but costs are bracketed and not included in totals)			FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000
			133	700,000	94	700,000	133	700,000	5	100,000	138	800,000
TYPE	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE	FY 2023		FY 2023		FY 2024		Current Services Adjustments and FY 2025 Program Changes		FY 2025 Request	
Program Activity			FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000
			133	700,000	94	700,000	133	700,000	5	100,000	138	800,000
<b>KPI: Outcome</b>	2.6	Percent of victims reporting that they entered and maintained permanent housing upon exit from an OVW-funded transitional housing program 6 months after program completion (Transitional Housing Program only). <sup>3</sup>	75%		N/A		75%		N/A		80%	

\*Denotes inclusion in the DOJ Quarterly Status Report and DOJ Annual Performance Plan.  
\*This table is required.

<sup>3</sup> OVW's Key Performance Indicator comes from its Transitional Housing Program grantees' semi-annual performance reports. OVW's FY 2022 actual (80%, which happens to match its target) corresponds to the July-December 2021 performance reporting period. At this time, the Just Grants system does not and potentially cannot provide OVW with access to its grantees' performance reporting data from CY 2022, so OVW is not presently able to report more current figures.



**2. Performance and Resource Table -- cont.**

	Performance		FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
			Actual	Target	Target
	<b>Key Performance Indicator</b>	Percent of victims reporting that they entered and maintained permanent housing upon exit from an OVW-funded transitional housing program 6 months after program completion (Transitional Housing Program only).	N/A	75%	<b>80%</b>

### **3. Performance, Resources and Strategies**

#### **a. Performance Plan and Report for Outcomes**

The VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative (MEI)—housed at the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine—manages grantee-reported data on what is accomplished with VAWA funds. Grantees use program-specific forms to report their grant-funded activities and describe progress toward their project goals. Additionally, grant forms collect uniform information on victims served, demographics of victims served, services provided, and areas of unmet need. In partnership with OVW, MEI provides training and technical assistance to grantees on reporting, aligns reporting forms with the statutorily authorized activities for each VAWA program, synthesizes data, and reports aggregate data to OVW for use in fulfilling Congressionally mandated reporting requirements and ad hoc data requests.

In addition to MEI, OVW established a Research and Evaluation Initiative in 2016 to rigorously study strategies for serving victims and holding offenders accountable. OVW coordinates with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to ensure that this effort complements and does not duplicate research and evaluation supported by NIJ. OVW expects that by funding studies on the effectiveness of approaches to combatting domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, communities that benefit from VAWA funding will be better equipped to align their work with practices that are known to be effective, and they will be more capable of generating knowledge on the efficacy of new and promising ways of doing things.

#### *Sample Program Data*

Data from OVW grantees show that VAWA funding makes a difference in the way that communities across the country help victims and hold offenders accountable. According to recent progress reports:

- Discretionary grantees serve an average of nearly 125,000 victims every six months. More than one million services were provided to victims over the most recent two-year period.
- Every six months, Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Program grantees alone provide legal assistance to 28,500+ victims.
- In a year, VAWA-funded professionals (i.e., advocates, law enforcement personnel, and prosecutors) assist victims in securing more than 200,000 protection orders.
- VAWA grantees and subgrantees provide over two million housing bed nights to victims and their children each year. Nearly nine out of ten victims leaving a Transitional Housing Program-funded shelter report perceiving a lower risk of violence, and the majority of victims exit to permanent housing of their choice.

Funds not only help the victims who receive services, but are also used by OVW grantees and subgrantees to change the way our criminal justice system responds to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking:

- VAWA grants and subgrants pay the salaries of about 300 law enforcement officers and about 300 prosecutors at any given time.
- STOP-funded prosecutors' offices reported receiving nearly 140,000 domestic and/or sexual violence case referrals in a year, 74% of which were accepted. In the discretionary Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program, OVW-funded prosecution offices reported receiving over 160,000 cases, 74% of which were accepted.
- By training more than 600,000 people each year, OVW grantees and subgrantees ensure that justice and healthcare professional, victim advocates, educators, volunteers, and others are equipped to respond competently and compassionately when a victim requests their assistance.
- VAWA discretionary grants support about 50 specialized law enforcement units, 50 specialized prosecution units, and about 40 specialized courts, ensuring that cases involving the four VAWA crimes are handled by appropriately trained, dedicated professional.
- OVW-funded courts report monitoring several thousand offenders every year.

## **b. Strategies to Accomplish Outcomes**

OVW accomplishes its objectives by closely monitoring grantees' activities and outcomes, and providing guidance and support to ensure federal funds are spent efficiently and effectively. OVW monitors all grantees to ensure statutory and program compliance, including: reviewing semi-annual/annual progress reports; reviewing quarterly financial status reports to monitor expenditures; and conducting an annual risk assessment for each active grant.

OVW also has a comprehensive technical assistance initiative that provides training and technical assistance to grantees to foster the use of evidence-based best practices for serving victims and holding offenders accountable. Technical assistance ensures that grantees are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to make the most effective use of their grant funds. All new grantees are required to attend an orientation to help them understand the requirements of the program under which they are funded, and to explore recommended strategies and available resources in their focus area(s).

Finally, as mentioned earlier, in 2016 OVW began funding research projects to study if and how particular VAWA-funded interventions are effective, so that funds can be targeted toward the most promising strategies for combatting crime and serving victims. Since its inception, OVW's Research and Evaluation Initiative has supported 45 awards totaling nearly \$18 million to study efforts to enhance the response to violence against women in the fields of victim services, policing, prosecution, and courts.

## **c. Priority Goals**

OVW's portfolio of grants made through VAWA programs is principally tied to the Department's second strategic goal, which is to keep our country safe. OVW grants that fund victim services—such as advocacy, legal assistance, and transitional housing for domestic violence victims—assist victims of violent crime in staying safe from further harm and pursuing justice for the crimes they

have suffered. In addition to helping victims recover and navigate the aftermath of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, these services can provide the support that victims need to participate in the justice process, such as assisting law enforcement with investigations and testifying in court.

Furthermore, OVW funds used to train professionals ensure that law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, victim services providers, civil attorneys, and others are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to do their jobs most effectively. Training on evidence-based strategies means that people working inside and outside the justice system to keep their communities safe can do their work with maximum impact.

Recognizing that an effective approach to investigating and prosecuting crimes of domestic and sexual violence requires dedicated resources and advanced skills sets, many law enforcement and prosecution agencies use OVW funds to support specialized units, system-based advocates, and robust partnerships with service providers outside the justice system. OVW grant funding is used in many communities to ensure a strong, seamless process from the time a victim reports a crime on through to final case disposition. A coordinated community response (CCR), which nearly every OVW grant program can be used to support, can put victims on the path to healing and hold accountable the offenders who caused them harm.

## V. Program Increases by Item

**A. Item Name:** **Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Program)**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$5,000,000

### Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$5.0 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to reflect the critical role of transitional housing and related services in helping a victim move to long-term safety and stability.

### Justification

Transitional housing and services these programs provide are designed to bridge the gap between emergency and permanent housing for victims of domestic violence and their children. Over 80% of survivors entering emergency shelters identified “finding housing I can afford” as a need, second only to “safety for myself” (85%).<sup>4</sup> Without assistance, it can be nearly impossible for victims to go from emergency shelter to safe, long-term housing. Abusers commonly sabotage a victim’s economic stability, making victims more vulnerable to homelessness. Many victims of domestic violence have trouble finding rental properties because they may have poor credit, rental, and employment histories as a result of their abuse.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to funding housing units, the Transitional Housing Program assists victims with security deposits, rental assistance, and utility payments. Grantees also provide supportive services, such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services, as well as childcare, employment services, and transportation assistance. Victims who use transitional housing receive a wider range of services over a longer period of time than do victims who never use shelter services,<sup>6</sup> and they report having a greater ability to plan for their safety, are aware of more resources in their community, have more hope for the future, and feel better able to achieve their goals.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Lyon, E., Lane, S. & Menard, A. (2008). *Domestic Violence Shelters: Survivors’ Experiences*. (NCJ 225025). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice.

<sup>5</sup> Reif, S. A. and Krisher, L. J. (2000). “Subsidized Housing and the Unique Needs of Domestic Violence Victim.” Clearing House Review. National Center on Poverty Law. Chicago, IL.

<sup>6</sup> Grossman, S. F., & Lundy, M. (2011). Characteristics of women who do and do not receive onsite shelter services from domestic violence programs. *Violence Against Women*, 17(8), 1024–1045. <http://doi.org/10.1177/1077801211414169>.

<sup>7</sup> Lyon, E., Lane, S., & Menard, A. (2008). Meeting survivors needs: a multi-state study of domestic violence shelter experiences. Harrisburg, PA: National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.

As a result, the Transitional Housing Program has a strong record of helping victims secure permanent housing. Nearly nine out of 10 victims leaving a Transitional Housing Program-funded shelter report perceiving a lower risk of violence, and the majority of victims exit to permanent housing of their choice.

OVW requests a funding increase for this program in FY 2025 to address persistent obstacles related to providing safe housing for victims of gender-based violence, and to mitigate evolving challenges in many communities that stem from soaring housing costs, limited availability of housing, and insufficient resources to meet transitional housing residents’ service needs stemming from victimization. Having a safe place to live is critical for survivors escaping violence and trying to rebuild their lives, but shortages in stable and affordable housing—a longstanding challenge—have grown worse in many communities in recent years. Rent costs have risen at record rates, meaning survivors are forced to navigate a highly competitive market while many also face difficulty finding landlords who are willing to work with them. Programs participating in the National Network to End Domestic Violence’s annual Domestic Violence Counts survey have reported in recent years that—on a single day—more than 38,000 victims and their children found refuge in emergency shelter or transitional housing programs. Yet, the need for a safe place to stay is one these agencies struggle to fill: programs reported that the requests for emergency shelter and housing accounted for 57 percent of unmet needs on the day of the survey in 2020; that figure rose to 64 percent the following year.

OVW Transitional Housing Program grantees alone report serving over 6,700 victims, children, and other dependents every six months. In addition to providing about half a million housing bed nights annually, Transitional Housing Program grantees offer survivors and their children an array of services to address their needs holistically. Despite OVW’s record of success in this area, available resources perennially fall short: across programs, grantees report a lack of safe and affordable housing as one of the most significant—if not the most significant—barrier to helping survivors recover.

Impact on Performance

This \$5.0 million increase will strengthen the investment OVW can make in FY 2025 to help survivors achieves safety and stability through transitional housing. OVW will be able to support a greater number of awards and/or larger grants of longer durations, ensuring these critical services can be maintained over time. With this increase, Transitional Housing grantees will be able to serve thousands more victims and children and offer them a wider panoply of services.

**Funding**

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$50,000	0	0	0	\$50,000	0	0	0	\$50,000

Total Request for this Item

	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Agt/ Atty</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Personnel (\$000)</b>	<b>Non- Personnel (\$000)</b>	<b>Total (\$000)</b>	<b>FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)</b>	<b>FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)</b>
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	\$5,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>		

**B. Item Name:** **Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention Program**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$3,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$3.0 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to support services for youth and child victims and programming that engages men and youth in violence prevention efforts.

Justification

Findings from a nationally representative study of children exposed to violence showed that one-third of respondents suffered a physical assault in the past year, and 13 percent of youth between 14 and 17 years old were sexually assaulted or abused in that time.<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, approximately one in 15 children are exposed each year to domestic violence.<sup>9</sup> The Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program (Consolidated Youth) responds by providing services to children and youth exposed to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as youth victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Grantees also use these funds to provide services to non-abusing parents and caregivers.

These funds also support programs that engage men and youth in prevention efforts. Research shows that programs and campaigns may increase men's awareness about gender-based violence, encouraging them to commit to ending it by becoming formally involved in violence prevention efforts, and/or by being a role model and vocal proponent of respectful relationships in their own families and communities.<sup>10</sup> Over two years, grantees under this program reported creating and launching over 100 public education and awareness campaigns.

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<sup>8</sup> Finkelhor, D., Turner, H. A., Shattuck, A., & Hamby, S. L. (2015). Prevalence of Childhood Exposure to Violence, Crime, and Abuse: Results from the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence. *JAMA Pediatrics*, 169(8), 746- 754. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamapediatrics.2015.0676>.

<sup>9</sup> Hamby, S., Finkelhor, D., Turner, H., & Ormrod, R. (2011). Children's exposure to intimate partner violence and other family violence. *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*. 1-12.

<sup>10</sup> See, for example: Casey, E. A., Carlson, J., Fraguela-Rios, C., Kimball, E., Neugut, T. B., Tolman, R. M., & Edleson, J. L. (2013). Context, challenges, and tensions in global efforts to engage men in the prevention of violence against women: An ecological analysis. *Men and Masculinities*, 16(2), 228-251. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X12472336>; and Tolman, R. M., Walsh, T. B., & Nieves, B. (2017). Engaging men and boys in preventing gender-based violence. In C. Renzetti, D. Follingstad, & A. L. Coker (Eds.), *Preventing intimate partner violence: Interdisciplinary perspectives* (pp. 71-100). Policy Press.



Impact on Performance

OVW’s FY 2023 Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention Program funding opportunity was among that year’s most competitive—OVW could support only 32 percent of the applications it received. With an additional \$3.0 million to support services for youth victims and efforts to engage men and youth in prevention in FY 2025, OVW would be able to fund approximately six additional projects.

**Funding**

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$17,000	0	0	0	\$17,000	0	0	0	\$17,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$17,000	\$17,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$3,000	\$3,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>		

**C. Item Name:**  
**Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program (Arrest)**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions   0   Agt/Atty   0   FTE   0   Dollars \$ 7,500,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$7.5 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to support coordinated community responses to gender-based violence, with a focus on policing and prosecution of these crimes.

Justification

The ICJR Program funds coordinated community responses to sexual assault and domestic violence where victim services providers, justice professionals, healthcare personnel, and others work together to help victims navigate the aftermath of violence. ICJR supports effective strategies including specialized law enforcement and prosecution units, sexual assault medical forensic examinations, and assistance with obtaining protection orders. ICJR grantees report serving over 36,000 victims every six months and funding the salaries of about 40 law enforcement officers and 30 prosecutors at any given time, promoting thorough and trauma-informed investigations of cases involving gender-based violence. An ICR grantee recently shared with OVW: “It has been advantageous to have a dedicated detective looking at all the domestic violence cases to see patterns and opportunities for prevention and improvement.”

Providing OVW with \$68.0 million for the ICJR Program not only supports this crucial program, but also many statutory set-asides. While these set-asides are valuable, they take more than 50% of the ICJR funds. Every penny of increased appropriation is important to ensure that sufficient funding reaches communities and criminal justice systems.

Impact on Performance

Providing \$7.5 million over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level for the ICJR Program will foster strengthened victim services and justice solutions in response to sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking.

## Funding

### Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$60,500	0	0	0	\$60,500	0	0	0	\$60,500

### Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$60,500	\$60,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$7,500	\$7,500		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$68,000</b>	<b>\$68,000</b>		

**D. Item Name:** **Rural Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions   0   Agt/Atty   0   FTE   0   Dollars  \$2,500,000 

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$2.5 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to support responses to violence against women in rural areas. This request reflects the need for justice solutions and victim services in communities where both may be out of reach due to resource shortages and limited infrastructure.

Justification

An estimated one in five people in the U.S. live in rural areas. Rural victims of violence may have worse psychosocial and physical health outcomes than their urban counterparts, due to challenges related to geographic isolation, lack of material resources, and social and cultural pressures that make it difficult to seek and obtain help.<sup>11</sup>

Therefore, the Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (Rural Program) supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse in rural areas. Strategies Rural Program grantees employ—including victim advocacy,<sup>12</sup> medical forensic exams performed by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs),<sup>13</sup> transitional housing,<sup>14</sup> and victim-centered prosecution<sup>15</sup>—have been found through research to be effective. Furthermore, the Rural Program encourages collaboration among justice system professionals, victim services providers, and the healthcare sector, resulting every six months in over 13,000 victims receiving services, more than 1,000 incidents investigated, about 600 cases prosecuted, nearly 11,000 professionals trained, over 200 medical forensic exams performed, and over 200 offenders monitored by parole and probation officers.

Impact on Performance

Funding levels for this program have increased over the past several years, from \$34 million in FY 2016 to \$48.0 million in FY 2022 and \$50.0 million in FY 2023. A \$2.5 million increase will allow for approximately three additional communities to implement strategies for combatting violence against women in rural communities. The estimated impact includes over 100 more

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<sup>11</sup> See, for example: Edwards, K. M. (2015). Intimate partner violence and the rural–urban–suburban divide: myth or reality? A critical review of the literature. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 16(3), 359–373. <http://doi.org/10.1177/1524838014557289>

<sup>12</sup> Patterson, D. (2015). Understanding how advocates can affect sexual assault victim engagement in the Criminal

victims served every six months and increased resources for investigating and prosecuting domestic and sexual violence.

### Funding

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$50,000	0	0	0	\$50,000	0	0	0	\$50,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$2,500	\$2,500		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>		

**E. Item Name: Legal Assistance for Victims Program**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$ 5,000,000

Description of Item

OVW requests \$5.0 million over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to support legal assistance for victims.

Justification

Civil legal assistance provided by attorneys funded through OVW’s Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Program increases the quality, quantity, and efficiency of legal services for low-income domestic violence victims.<sup>16</sup> Legal aid attorneys who are trained on domestic violence may attain the most favorable outcomes for their clients on custody matters, when compared with victims who represent themselves and victims with privately retained attorneys.<sup>17</sup> Victims who obtain civil legal services may suffer less subsequent physical violence and stalking and achieve more economic self-sufficiency.<sup>18</sup> Victims who get help from attorneys and community-based advocates may be more likely than victims without that assistance to perceive themselves as having a voice in the justice process.<sup>19</sup> Every six months, LAV grantees provide legal assistance to over 28,000 victims.

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative (ELSI) is a new initiative under the LAV Program. By focusing on helping new legal programs, ELSI will support entities that do not yet have a legal representation program and need assistance establishing one. Grantees will receive specific training to help create a legal program from the ground up. Thus, this initiative will support those entities while prioritizing racial equity and underserved communities, including rural communities.

Impact on Performance

The LAV Program is consistently one of OVW’s most competitive grant programs. Each year, OVW receives many more requests for funding than it can support. In FY 2023, only 31 percent of LAV applications were funded. A \$5.0 million increase would enable OVW to support a greater

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<sup>16</sup> Institute for Law and Justice. (2005). *National Evaluation of the Legal Assistance for Victims Program* (NCJ 208612). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice. Retrieved from <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/208612.pdf>

<sup>17</sup> Kernic, M. (2015). *Final report of the impact of legal representation on child custody decisions among families with a history of intimate partner violence study*. (NCJ 248 886). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice

<sup>18</sup> Hartley, C. C., & Renner, L. M. (2016). *The longer term influence of civil legal services on battered women*. (NCJ 249 879). Washington, DC: U. S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice. Available at: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/249879.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> Cattaneo, L. B., Goodman, L. A., Epstein, D., Kohn, L. S., & Zanville, H. A. (2009). The victim-informed prosecution project: A quasi-experimental test of a collaborative model for cases of intimate partner violence. *Violence Against Women*, 15(10), 1227–1247. Retrieved from <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2182770>.

number of grants and awards of higher amounts and longer durations, ensuring that innovative strategies for legal assistance can be sustained over time.

### Funding

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$55,000	0	0	0	\$55,000	0	0	0	\$55,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$55,000	\$55,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	\$5,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>		

**F. Item Name: Sexual Assault Services Program**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$11,500,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$11.5 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to support rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide services, crisis intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault.

Justification

Sexual assault services across the country are underfunded despite the high rate of sexual assault,<sup>20</sup> the devastating, long-term impact sexual assault can have on victims' health and well-being,<sup>21</sup> and the tremendous need for specialized services across the lifespan and in widely varied circumstances (from youth athletics to nursing homes to the production of child pornography). Congress recognized the need for these services for rape victims in the 2005 reauthorization of VAWA by establishing the Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP), the only federal funding stream dedicated to providing services solely and specifically for sexual assault victims. SASP funding is used to provide crisis intervention, advocacy, and related assistance for more than 45,000 adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault every year, as well as around 14,000 secondary victims, meaning family and household members of victims and others collaterally affected by the sexual assault. Funding for SASP, however, has never matched need. In contrast, Congress appropriated \$240 million in FY 2023 for emergency shelter and services under the Family Violence Prevention Services Act, the primary federal funding stream dedicated to domestic violence victims.

Impact on Performance

SASP provides the direct services that help victims recover from trauma and may facilitate their engagement with law enforcement and prosecutors, thereby enhancing the justice system's ability to hold offenders accountable for their crimes. The requested increase in SASP funding for FY 2025 will increase the size of awards to states and territories, which are based on population, enabling victim rape crisis centers to serve more victims and provide a broader array of services.

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<sup>20</sup> Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J., & Stevens, M.R. (2011). *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Summary Report*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<sup>21</sup> See for example the studies compiled in [http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/technical\\_reports/2009/RAND\\_TR617.pdf](http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/technical_reports/2009/RAND_TR617.pdf).



## Funding

### Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$78,500	0	0	0	\$78,500	0	0	0	\$78,500

### Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$78,500	\$78,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$11,500	\$11,500		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>		

**G. Item Name:** **Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program and Tribal Reimbursement Program**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$14,000,000

Description of Item

OVW requests a \$14.0 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to support efforts by tribes to implement and exercise special Tribal criminal jurisdiction (STCJ) over non-Indian offenders who commit covered crimes and to reimburse participating tribes for expenses incurred in exercising STCJ.

Justification

In VAWA 2013, Congress recognized the authority of tribes to exercise their sovereign power to investigate, prosecute, convict, and sentence both Indians and non-Indians who assault Indian spouses or dating partners or violate a protection order in Indian country. In VAWA 2022, Congress extended this recognition to additional “covered crimes”: assault of tribal justice personnel, child violence, obstruction of justice, sexual violence, sex trafficking, and stalking. VAWA 2022 also made other substantive changes to this “special Tribal criminal jurisdiction” (STCJ), such as linking the definition of the underlying crimes to tribal law, removing the requirement that non-Indian offenders have certain ties to the tribe exercising jurisdiction, and clarifying the authority of tribes in Maine to exercise STCJ.

Since FY 2016, the Tribal Jurisdiction Grant Program has provided tribes with funding and technical assistance to help make changes to their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise the jurisdiction, as well as to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders. The program encourages collaborations among tribal leadership, courts, prosecutors, attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, probation, victim service providers, and other partners to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit covered crimes in Indian country are held accountable and have their rights safeguarded.

OVW anticipates that the VAWA 2022 amendments will have a substantial impact on tribal demand for these funds. First, the approximately 31 tribes who currently exercise this jurisdiction pursuant to VAWA 2013 may need additional funding to update their constitutions, codes, and procedures and to investigate, prosecute, and incarcerate additional offenders. Second, many more tribes have expressed interest in exercising the expanded STCJ, which offers tribes new opportunities to protect their communities. Third, VAWA 2022 authorizes a Pilot Program through which tribes in Alaska may seek designation by the Attorney General to exercise STCJ in their villages. OVW expects that implementation of this Alaska Pilot Program will create increased demand for grant funds to support Alaska tribes interested in exercising STCJ. All these considerations likely will drive applications for grant funding.

In addition, and perhaps most critically, VAWA 2022 also authorized a new program to reimburse tribal governments or their designees for a broad range of expenses incurred in exercising STCJ, including investigations, arrests, prosecutions, detention, supervision, indigent defense counsel, treatment, rehabilitation, and re-entry services. This reimbursement program shares an authorization of appropriations with the Tribal Jurisdiction Grant Program; by statute, no more than 40 percent of the appropriation may be used for tribal reimbursements. OVW expects a high demand for this funding. Prior to enactment of VAWA 2022, tribal leaders advocated for reimbursement of STCJ costs on the grounds that it would be reliably available, not subject to competition prior to award or cessation at the end of an award, and less administratively burdensome than grants. They noted, however, that both the reimbursement and grant programs are needed because the grant program is an effective way to cover pre-implementation costs while a reimbursement program is a better way to cover the unanticipated costs borne by a tribal government once STCJ is implemented.

Impact on Performance

Building on the increase in the FY 2023 Enacted, OVW anticipates that this additional \$14.0 million will allow it to fund more tribes that choose to implement STCJ, enabling those tribes to hold more non-Indian offenders accountable for crimes against Indian victims on tribal lands. In addition, the requested increase is critically important to enable OVW to launch the new reimbursement program and ensure that it is adequately funded to meet tribal demand.

**Funding**

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$11,000	0	0	0	\$11,000	0	0	0	\$11,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>		

**H. Item Name: Culturally Specific Services**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$4,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$4.0 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to reflect the need to support culturally specific services for victims.

Justification

Designing or adapting services to address victims’ cultural backgrounds may make those services more effective.<sup>22</sup> Culturally specific services, such as the Promotora Model, which involves peer leadership and information sharing among Latina immigrant victims, can have transformative effects on individuals and their communities.<sup>23</sup> Offender treatment may also be more effective when it is culturally relevant.<sup>24</sup> Advocates report that survivors are more inclined to seek services from organizations that are familiar with their culture, language, and background. Culturally specific community-based organizations are more likely to understand the complex challenges that victims from their communities’ face when attempting to access services and navigate systems.

OVW’s Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (CSSP) supports the development of innovative culturally specific strategies and projects to enhance services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. CSSP grantees serve more than 3,400 victims every six months. About half of CSSP grantees specifically serve immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who are victims, and CSSP grantees report using over 20 different languages to provide services to victims.

Impact on Performance

In the past, CSSP has been funded exclusively through set-asides from other programs, which enables OVW to fund less than 30 percent of the applications it receives to support culturally specific services for victims. OVW first received a direct appropriation for this program in FY 2022, enabling it to support more grants than could be funded exclusively through set-aside dollars. OVW anticipates using the additional \$4.0 million in funding to support a greater number

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<sup>22</sup> For a discussion, see: Huey, S. J., Jr., Tilley, J. L., Jones, E. O., & Smith, C. A. (2014). The contribution of cultural competence to evidence-based care for ethnically diverse populations. *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology, 10*(1), 305–338. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1146/annurevclinpsy-032813-153729>.

<sup>23</sup> Serrata, J. V., Hernandez-Martinez, M., & Macias, R. L. (2016). Self-empowerment of immigrant Latina survivors of domestic violence: a promotora model of community leadership. *Hispanic Health Care International, 14*, pp. 37-46.

<sup>24</sup> Parra-Cardona, J. R., Escobar-Chew, A. R., Holtrop, K., Carpenter, G., Guzmán, R., Hernández, D., Zamudio, E., & González Ramírez, D. (2013). “En el grupo tomas conciencia (In group you become aware)”: Latino immigrants’ satisfaction with a culturally informed intervention for men who batter. *Violence against Women, 19*(1), 107-132. doi:10.1177/ 1077801212475338.

of awards and higher award amounts to bolster and extend the duration of this critical victim services programming.

### Funding

#### Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$11,000	0	0	0	\$11,000	0	0	0	\$11,000

#### Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$11,000	\$11,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$4,000	\$4,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>		

**I. Item Name: LGBT Specific Services Program**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$3,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$3.0 million increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to support an LGBT Specific Services Program to assist LGBT victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Section 206 of the 2022 reauthorization of VAWA established this new grant program to enhance LGBT-specific services and maintain and replicate community-based programs.

Justification

A recent Gallup poll estimated that 4.5 percent of U.S. adults identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT), and younger adults are far more likely to identify as LGBT than older adults.<sup>25</sup> An estimated 30-50 percent or more of transgender people suffer intimate partner violence at some point in their lifetime compared to 28 to 33 percent of the general population.<sup>26</sup> Only an estimated one in five LGBT victims of intimate partner violence or sexual assault seek help from a victim services provider.<sup>27</sup>

LGBT victims may be hesitant to report crimes due to fear of disclosure, discrimination, and/or retribution, coupled with a historical distrust of, and mistreatment by, the criminal justice and legal systems.<sup>28</sup> LGBT individuals, and in particular, lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons of color and transgender persons of all races, may be reluctant to seek help from the legal system for fear of biases compromising the system's response. In turn, service providers may be unprepared to offer sensitive and appropriate advocacy and shelter to LGBT victims of violence.<sup>29</sup>

Dedicated funding for this newly authorized grant program would enhance OVW's ability to support services that fill this critical gap. OVW grantee New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-

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<sup>25</sup> Newport, F. (2018). *In U.S., estimate of LGBT population rises to 4.5%*. Gallup. Available at: <https://news.gallup.com/poll/234863/estimate-lgbt-population-rises.aspx>.

<sup>26</sup> As reported in: Brown, T. N. T., & Herman, J. L. (2015). *Intimate partner violence and sexual abuse among LGBT people: a review of existing research*. Los Angeles, CA: The Williams Institute. Available at: <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/IPV-Sexual-Abuse-Among-LGBT-Nov-2015.pdf>.

<sup>27</sup> Ciarlante, M. & K. Fountain, K. (2010.) *Why it matters: rethinking victim assistance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer victims of hate violence and intimate partner violence*. Washington, DC: National Center for Victims of Crime, and New York, NY: New York City Anti-Violence Project. Available at: [https://web.archive.org/web/20170517115131/http://www.victimsofcrime.org/docs/Reports%20and%20Studies/WhyItMatters\\_LGBTQreport\\_pr ess.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20170517115131/http://www.victimsofcrime.org/docs/Reports%20and%20Studies/WhyItMatters_LGBTQreport_pr ess.pdf).

<sup>28</sup> See, for example: Goodmark, L. (2013). Transgender People, Intimate Partner Abuse, and the Legal System. *Harvard Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review*, 48(1), 51-104. Retrieved from [https://digitalcommons.law.umaryland.edu/fac\\_pubs/1460/](https://digitalcommons.law.umaryland.edu/fac_pubs/1460/); Guadalupe-Diaz, X. L., & Jasinski, J. (2016). "I Wasn't a Priority, I Wasn't a Victim": Challenges in Help Seeking for Transgender Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. *Violence Against Women*, 23(6), 772-792. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801216650288>; and Ritchie, A. J., & Jones-Brown, D. (2017). Policing Race, Gender, and Sex: A Review of Law Enforcement Policies. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 27(1), 21-50. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08974454.2016.1259599>.

<sup>29</sup> Calton, J. M., Cattaneo, L. B., & Gebhard, K. T. (2016). Barriers to Help Seeking for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 17(5), 585-600. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838015585318>.

Violence Project, recently reported to OVW: “[We] hear from survivors that mainstream [domestic violence and sexual assault services] organizations lack cultural competence, and survivors would rather receive no services than receive incompetent services. Because of this funding, we are able to increase to culturally responsive, inclusive, and affirming safety, support, and services.” This FY 2025 request would strengthen OVW’s ability to reach LGBT survivors with services designed by and for these communities.

Impact on Performance

Providing OVW with \$4.0 million FY 2025 specifically to fund services for LGBT survivors will broaden OVW’s ability to reach this population disproportionately affected by domestic and sexual violence.

**Funding**

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$1,000	0	0	0	\$1,000	0	0	0	\$1,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$3,000	\$3,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>		

**J. Item Name: National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$3,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$3.0 million increase for a new program to fund a National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

Description of Item

An estimated 80,600 inmates each year experience sexual violence while in prison or jail.<sup>30</sup> The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards, released in 2012, include requirements that are designed to help confinement agencies prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. PREA standard 53 (28 CFR 115.53, 115.253, and 115.353) requires that correctional facilities “provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, ...of ...victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations[.]” Sexual abuse is already one of the most underreported violent crimes in the United States, and confinement settings create additional barriers for victims to report or seek help. Many confinement agencies and facilities across the country, especially those in remote and rural areas (where services are limited), have struggled to maintain compliance with PREA standard 53. Additionally, sexual assault services are underfunded despite the high rate of sexual assault<sup>31</sup> and the tremendous need for specialized services, including services for incarcerated survivors. As a result, many incarcerated survivors receive little to no sexual assault support services.

In response, OVW partnered with the Bureau of Justice Assistance in FY 2021 to issue the National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse solicitation. This project, currently underway, is for phase one, the planning phase, to develop a comprehensive plan for the design and implementation of a service line for survivors in local, state, tribal, and federal confinement facilities. Phase two, the implementation phase, would focus on using the comprehensive plan developed in the first phase to guide the service line’s implementation. Senator Schatz introduced a bill<sup>32</sup> in the previous Congress that would create a similar service line. OVW’s focused mission to provide federal leadership on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and staff experience in sexual assault victim services, including services for incarcerated victims, makes it uniquely prepared to oversee the implementation of a national

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<sup>30</sup> Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Jails Reported by Inmates, 2011-2012 (2013).

<sup>31</sup> Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J., & Stevens, M.R. (2011). *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Summary Report*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<sup>32</sup> S.3723 - Sexual Abuse Services in Detention Act of 2020



service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse. OVW would continue its close partnership with Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office for Victims of Crime throughout implementation.

Impact on Performance

OVW anticipates that \$3.0 million will enable OVW to fund a five-year project to launch and maintain a national service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse, which will provide support services to survivors in local, state, tribal, and federal confinement facilities, support coordination efforts with victim service providers, and offer technical assistance to victim service providers working with incarcerated victims.

**Funding**

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FT E	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$3,000	\$3,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>		

**K. Item Name:** Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$20,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting \$20.0 million for a new program to issue grants for regional Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training, salaries for SANEs and Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs), and technical assistance and resources to increase access to SANEs and SAFEs, as authorized by section 1318 of VAWA 2022.

Justification

This funding will help address nationwide gaps in the availability and quality of post-sexual assault medical forensic care. Emergency medical care is critical for treating a victim’s healthcare needs and collecting forensic evidence after a sexual assault, and such care is best provided by specially trained SANEs and SAFEs. The availability of SANE and SAFE programs, however, is limited, especially in rural and tribal communities. An OVW Rural Program grantee recently reported that, without their OVW grant funding, they “would not have been able to maintain the SANE program or the competency of our current SANEs, or be in a financial position to recruit more SANEs to replace/fill vacancies. Without the SANE program, victims would have to drive one to two hours to the next nearest hospital with forensic nursing services.” Moreover, a 2016 Government Accountability Office (GAO) study found that challenges to maintaining an adequate workforce of SANEs and SAFEs include limited training opportunities for aspiring SANEs and SAFEs as well as limited continuing education opportunities, weak support for SANE/SAFE programs from hospitals and other stakeholders, and low SANE/SAFE retention rates.<sup>33</sup>

Access to high-quality medical forensic care after sexual assault has immediate and long-term benefits for victims, including access to prophylactic care to prevent contraction of sexually transmitted infections and referrals for follow-up care, advocacy, and other services. Research has found that SANE programs and multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs), in addition to improving the quality of healthcare that victims receive after an assault, improves the quality of forensic evidence and increase prosecution rates over time.<sup>34</sup>

Impact on Performance

OVW will collaborate with the Office for Victims of Crime and the Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement this initiative in coordination with other funding opportunities designed to enhance

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<sup>33</sup> Iritani, K. (2016). *Sexual Assault: Information on Training, Funding, and the Availability of Forensic Examiners*. Washington, DC: Government Accountability Office. Available at: <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-16-334>.

<sup>34</sup> Crandall, C., & Helitzer, D. (2003). *Impact evaluation of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program (NCJ 203276)*. Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice; and, Campbell, R., Bybee, D., Ford, J. K., & Patterson, D. (2009). *Systems change analysis of SANE programs: Identifying the mediating mechanisms of criminal justice system impact. (NCJ 226498)*. Washington, DC, National Institute of Justice.

the quality and availability of post-sexual assault medical forensic care. With this \$20.0 million, OVW anticipates awarding between ten and 15 grants of five years in duration to ensure adequate time and support to fully establish new SANE/SAFE programs and fortify existing programs so they can be sustainable beyond the funding period. These grants will provide training for aspiring SANES/SAFEs, continuing education opportunities, and technical assistance to establish and maintain SANE/SAFE programs. Within the Office of Justice Programs' budget, the FY 2023 Enacted included \$5.0 million for Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program Grants.

### Funding

#### Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0

#### Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$20,000	\$20,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>		

**L. Item Name: Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Against Individuals**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$10,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting \$10.0 million for a new program to support the efforts of States, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals.

Justification

Nearly half of all Internet users report experiences of harassment or abuse, and women and children are disproportionately targeted by this behavior.<sup>35</sup> In April of 2021, the Bureau of Justice Statistics published the results of a targeted national survey that found that 67 percent of victims of stalking with technology received unwanted phone calls, voice messages, or text messages, while 50 percent received unwanted emails or messages via the internet.<sup>36</sup>

This funding would advance the Administration’s priority of addressing the serious issue of online harassment, stalking, and abuse. The White House’s Gender Policy Council, Domestic Policy Council, and the National Security Council convened an Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) on Online Harassment, Stalking and Abuse that has focused on sexual exploitation and abuse of children online, “revenge porn,” the use of online platforms and social media sites for trafficking individuals, cyberstalking, and the use of the internet for domestic terrorism or extremism. In the National Strategy for Gender Equity and Equality, the Administration committed to convene a U.S. government task force to further these efforts.

Proposed funding for grants to improve the response to cybercrimes against individuals will help law enforcement officers understand the dynamics of technology-assisted harassment and abuse, including how digital tools are used by stalkers to surveil, harass, intimidate, and terrify their victims, who often are former and current intimate partners. This funding would also promote the development of effective strategies to address cyberstalking and online abuse, including the development of investigative policies and procedures, training on the misuse of technology by perpetrators, establishment or expansion of specialized stalking units, increased coordination between specialized domestic violence units and computer crimes units, and enhanced focus on the connection between online harm and sex trafficking.

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<sup>35</sup> Lenhart, A., Ybarra, M., Zickuhr, K., and Price-Feeney, M. (2016, November). *Online Harassment, Digital Abuse and Cyberstalking in America*. Retrieved from [https://www.datasociety.net/pubs/oh/Online\\_Harassment\\_2016.pdf](https://www.datasociety.net/pubs/oh/Online_Harassment_2016.pdf).

<sup>36</sup> Truman, J. and Morgan, R. (2021, April). *Stalking Victimization, 2016*. Retrieved from <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/sv16.pdf>.

Impact on Performance

Providing \$10.0 million for investigation of cybercrimes will identify promising practices for holding offenders accountable for these crimes, which are difficult to investigate and prosecute and often require an understanding of new and complex technologies, as well as supporting survivors who are traumatized by this type of abuse. It fully aligns with the four fundamental principles of the Department’s new effort to reduce violent crime.<sup>37</sup> As part of its public-safety mission, the Department must continue to protect Americans from bad actors seeking to use emerging technology as a tool to terrorize others. Such conduct includes cyberstalking, the non-consensual distribution of intimate images, sextortion, doxing, and swatting, among other offenses.

This funding also complements the efforts of the Department of Justice to address these serious crimes. Through the work of dedicated AUSAs across the country, assisted by the Criminal Division’s Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), the Department is committed to prosecuting these crimes at the federal level as well as working with federal, state, and local law enforcement to build capacity to address criminals who increasingly misuse technology to harm victims. In the FY 2023 Enacted, this program was funded at \$7.0 million through a set-aside in the Office of Justice Programs’ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The program will be administered by OVW via reimbursable agreement with the Office of Justice Programs.

**Funding**

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$10,000	\$10,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>		

<sup>37</sup> U.S. Department of Justice. (2021, May 26). *Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Announces New Effort to Reduce Violent Crime*. Available at: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-merrick-b-garland-announces-new-effort-reduce-violent-crime>.

**M. Item Name: National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$4,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting \$4.0 million for a new program to reflect the need to support a five-year award to establish and maintain a National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals, as authorized by VAWA 2022.

Justification

This request would provide funding for a recently authorized National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals to provide resource information, training, and technical assistance to improve the capacity of individuals, organizations, governmental entities, and communities to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals. This center will help ensure that methods for detecting, investigating, prosecuting, and preventing cybercrimes keep pace with rapidly evolving technologies.

Like the Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Against Individuals, this funding advances the Administration’s priority of addressing the serious issue of addressing online harassment, stalking, and abuse. The proposed appropriation also reflects recent Congressional interest in providing resources to address cyberstalking, online harm, and other cybercrimes against individuals as outlined in the recent reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which authorized this national resource center. The proposed funding would provide much needed technical assistance and training resources on cybercrimes against individuals for Federal, State and local government agencies, community-based organizations, and other professionals and interested parties, resources including the collection, preparation, analysis, and dissemination of information and statistics on these crimes and research on the causes and effects of these crimes as well as model solutions to prevent and deter such crimes and enforce relevant criminal laws.

Impact on Performance

Providing \$4.0 million for this national resource center will ensure support for national efforts to respond to cybercrimes against individuals. It will complement and magnify OVW’s proposed investment in local law enforcement grants to prevent, investigate, and prosecute these crimes.

This appropriation will enable OVW to provide funding that directly supports much needed training and technical assistance for federal, state, local and tribal efforts to respond to online harassment, abuse, and other cybercrimes against individuals. The FY 2023 Enacted included a \$7.0 million set-aside for cybercrime in the Office of Justice Programs’ Edward Byrne Memorial

Justice Assistance Grant Program. The program will be administered by OVW via reimbursable agreement with the Office of Justice Programs.

### Funding

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FT E	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$4,000	\$4,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

**N. Item Name: Intersection of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Human Trafficking.**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars \$10,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting \$10.0 million to issue grants to support a special initiative to address the intersection of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking.

Justification

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) authorizes OVW to issue grant funds to provide resources to tribal communities that are developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

The Not Invisible Act Commission (Commission) was created by Congress to address violent crimes on Indian lands and against Indians by developing recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General on actions the federal government can take to combat violent crimes, including the VAWA crimes identified above. Among others, this joint Commission includes family members of missing or murdered individuals and survivors of human trafficking who developed recommendations to address:

- (i) identifying, reporting, and responding to instances of missing persons, murder, and human trafficking on Indian lands and of Indians;
- (ii) legislative and administrative changes necessary to use programs, properties, or other resources funded or operated by the Department of the Interior and Department of Justice to combat the crisis of missing or murdered Indians and human trafficking on Indian lands and of Indians;
- (iii) tracking and reporting data on instances of missing persons, murder, and human trafficking on Indian lands and of Indians;
- (iv) addressing staff shortages and open positions within relevant law enforcement agencies, including issues related to the hiring and retention of law enforcement officers;
- (v) coordinating tribal, State, and Federal resources to increase prosecution of murder and human trafficking offenses on Indian lands and of Indians; and
- (vi) increasing information sharing with tribal governments on violent crime investigations and prosecutions in Indian lands that were terminated or declined.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> Not Invisible Act Commission. (2023, November 1). *Not one more: findings and recommendations of the Not Invisible Act Commission*. Available at: [https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-11/34%20NIAC%20Final%20Report\\_version%2011.1.23\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-11/34%20NIAC%20Final%20Report_version%2011.1.23_FINAL.pdf).



This funding will provide necessary financial, technical assistance, and training resources to continue to meet the statutory requirements of VAWA, as amended, and to support the implementation of the Not Invisible Act Commission recommendations outlined above. This funding will also provide resources to support the creation, training, and sustainability of Healing and Response Teams (HRT) that will be available to tribal community-based organizations, Indian Tribes, and urban Indian organizations, as described in the Not Invisible Act Commission recommendations. HRTs are designed to provide victim-centered support, advocacy, resource liaisons, healing pathways, and systems navigation assistance using a tribal-based model of care in MMIP and human trafficking cases.

Impact on Performance

Providing \$10.0 million for this special initiative will support tribal victim services providers with necessary resources to increase MMIP awareness; work with tribal, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to develop MMIP response protocols and reporting; inform the public and offer tribal community education on the connections of MMIP with other crimes (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking); and promote healing for families and survivors.

**Funding**

Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$10,000	\$10,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>		

**O. Item Name: Management and Administrative Expense**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 9 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 5 Dollars \$861,000

Description of Item

OVW requests nine Full Time Positions (five FTEs) for FY 2025. The nine positions are comprised of one Principal Associate Director, three Grants Program Specialists, one Team Lead, three Grant Financial Analysts, and one Audit Liaison.

This increase in staffing is needed to provide sufficient staffing to manage the increase in grants to be made under this budget request, to stand up multiple new grant programs, and to continue right-sizing OVW and responding to the many requirements created by VAWA 2022. For example, the newly authorized VAWA programs for which OVW is requesting funding come with additional reporting or administrative requirements triggered when they start. Without sufficient capacity, OVW similarly cannot successfully maintain quality grantmaking nor achieve DOJ goals for combatting violent crime. Many of the programs newly appropriated in FY 2023 are complex to establish and administer, requiring significant involvement from multiple OVW divisions. To follow Congressional directives, respond quickly to grantees, and effectively manage taxpayer dollars, OVW urgently needs additional staff.

Justification

OVW requests nine new positions and five FTEs for a total of 142 positions and 138 FTEs in FY 2025. As described below, OVW requests this increase in staffing to strengthen both programmatic and financial grants management, and to administer the many new requirements placed on OVW in VAWA 2022. With this budget request, OVW proposes to bring its staffing numbers into line with our staffing needs required to effectively and efficiently carry out OVW's mission.

**1. Grants Development and Management Division**

OVW requests eight new positions across its Grants Development and Management Division: three Grant Program Specialists, three Grant Financial Analysts, one Audit Liaison and one Associate Director.

The Grants Development and Management Division will require more staff in multiple divisions in response to the increased grantmaking, to improve customer service, administer newly appropriated programs and strengthen accountability and oversight. A grant load that is too high undermines effective grants management and limits the amount of time that Program Specialists are able to spend supporting grantees and implementing special initiatives and program enhancements. Some of the new grant programs require a more intensive level of staffing (requiring a lower number of grants per grant specialist) and others necessitate additional

coordination within DOJ or other federal agencies. OVW has also observed the need to significantly increase outreach to stakeholders and to help grantees and potential grantees build capacity, navigate the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), and successfully manage their grants. OVW also anticipates ramping up in-person grant monitoring, site visits, and other often time-consuming but important strategies to help grantees avoid problematic financial or program issues.

Effective management of OVW grants is complex and time intensive. Each of OVW's grant programs require community collaboration and strong partnerships among agencies and organizations that have not historically worked in partnership. Program Specialists often are called upon to intervene between partners, make specialized site visits, and provide tailored technical assistance. Several of OVW's programs impose intricate statutory certification requirements. Many grantees are small community-based organizations with excellent experience providing local services but limited experience managing federal awards and therefore require more attention than more sophisticated federal grant recipients. To effectively manage grant projects, staff need to be able to conduct comprehensive desk reviews and on-site visits, carefully review progress reports and follow up with grantees about problems identified in those reports, and maintain regular communication with grantees.

OVW also places a high premium on treating grants management as something more than a bureaucratic exercise – instead, OVW views grant making as an important tool for social change needed to end violence against women. To this end, OVW's Program Specialists have substantive expertise and are an important resource for grantees and other federal agencies. In addition to providing guidance on relevant federal rules and regulations, staff members identify and exchange ideas on promising practices and emerging issues in the violence against women field. This involves everything from communication with grantees to developing new technical assistance initiatives to rewriting grant solicitations.

Increasing the number of Program Specialists in the OVW Program Division is necessary to 1) be able to manage the increased workload resulting from significant changes in VAWA 2022 as well as increased funding and new programs included in the FY 2023 Enacted, FY 2024 Continuing Resolution, and FY 2025 request; 2) reduce the grant load to one that allows program specialists to more effectively oversee these scarce federal resources; and 3) undertake special initiatives and other critical projects in response to emerging trends and issues. Ultimately, the goal is to have a grant load of no more than 40 grants per specialist, which OVW has identified as the optimal discretionary grant load over the course of its 25-year existence. By decreasing the grant load, staff will be able to engage more directly and more often with grantees, providing more comprehensive assistance and oversight of VAWA programs and dollars.

OVW will need one additional Associate Director to provide oversight and supervision of the increased number of Program Specialists and to take on more complex work, such as managing the new initiatives requested for FY 2025.

OVW prioritizes timely issuance of the funds Congress appropriates each fiscal year and intends to continue awarding all planned grants by the end of the fiscal year. However, OVW has received significant complaints about the slow speed of budget clearances and require three more Financial

Analysts to significantly improve the timeliness of clearances. The additional Financial Analysts will also allow OVW to conduct additional financial monitoring.

## **2. Policy, Communication, and Evaluation Division (PCE)**

OVW requests one position for the Policy, Communication and Evaluation Division (PCE). The PCE Division was launched in FY 2022 and requires one additional FTE to become fully functional. This Division is critical to OVW implementing its full mission of providing national leadership on violence against women. It is also essential to reach grantees and potential grantees, ensure communication and transparency with stakeholders and the public, and hear from survivors and others who might not otherwise have a voice in Washington, DC. Many new VAWA programs also require additional evaluation components and reports to Congress, all of which is handled by this division. OVW would hire one policy analyst to help respond to Congressional requests, write documents, and increase responsiveness to grantees and the public.

## Funding

### Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
133	8	133	\$35,062	133	8	133	\$35,062	133	8	133	\$37,151

### Personnel Increase Cost Summary

Type of Position/Series	Positions Requested	Annual Costs per Position* (\$000)			FY 2025 Request (\$000)	Annualizations (\$000)	
		1st Year Adjusted Cost	2nd Year Adjusted Cost	3rd Year Full Cost (Modular)		FY 2026 (net change from 2025)	FY 2027 (net change from 2026)
Clerical and Office Svcs (0300-0399)	1	124	243	263	124	119	20
Clerical and Office Svcs (0300-0399)	1	107	212	230	107	105	18
Accounting and Budget (0500-0599)	1	90	157	170	90	67	13
Business & Industry (1100-1199)	6	540	942	1,020	540	402	78
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$861</b>	<b>\$1,554</b>	<b>\$1,683</b>	<b>\$861</b>	<b>\$693</b>	<b>\$129</b>

\* Annual Costs per Position:

### Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	133	8	133	\$37,151	\$0	\$37,151	\$0	\$0
Increase	9	0	5	\$861	\$0	\$861	\$693	\$129
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>\$38,012</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$38,012</b>	<b>\$693</b>	<b>\$129</b>

## VI. Program Offsets by Item

**A. Item Name:** **Pilot Program to Improve Victims Services on College Campuses**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions   0   Agt/Atty   0   FTE   0   Dollars -\$1,500,000

### Description of Item

OVW is requesting \$1.5 million below the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level to discontinue a pilot program to improve victim services on college campuses.

### Justification

As outlined in the Explanatory Statement for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2023, OVW plans to award the FY 2023 funds for a demonstration program to expand access to holistic assault services on college campuses with the intent to establish a best-practices guide for other institutions to implement. OVW anticipates that the FY 2023 appropriation will be sufficient to accomplish this purpose and no further funding will be necessary.

### Impact on Performance

OVW foresees no impact on its ability to fund and disseminate the best practices guide for provision of holistic victim services on college campuses. The initial appropriation for this purpose is adequate for one or two institutions and their partners to develop the guide, and Campus Program appropriations that support technical assistance for college campuses may be used in future years to disseminate the guide to other institutions of higher education.

## Funding

### Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$1,500	0	0	0	\$1,500	0	0	0	\$1,500

### Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	\$0	-\$1,500	-\$1,500		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		

**B. Item Name: Rape Survivor Child Custody Act**

Strategic Goal: 2: Keep Our Country Safe  
Attorney General Priority Area: 2.6: Protect Vulnerable Communities

Budget Decision Unit(s): Prevention and Prosecution of Violence Against Women and Related Victim Services Program

Program Increase: Positions 0 Agt/Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars -\$1,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$1.0 million decrease from the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level of \$2.5 million, for a total of \$1.5 million in FY 2025, for the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act (RSCCA) appropriation.

Justification

The RSCCA, Pub. L. No. 114-22, §§ 401 et seq., codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 21301 et seq., directs the Attorney General to enhance STOP Formula and Sexual Assault Services Formula Program awards to states that have in place laws that allow the mother of any child that was conceived through rape to seek court-ordered termination of the parental rights of her rapist with regard to that child, which the court shall grant upon clear and convincing evidence of rape. A state or territory may receive an increase under this provision only up to four times.

Since Congress first appropriated funds to implement the RSCCA in FY 2016, seventeen states have received RSCCA funding four times and therefore may no longer receive increases. In that same time period, 30 states have never chosen to seek the funding. Each year, OVW sees a diminishing number of state applicants for the funding. For example, in FY 2017, 18 states received enhancements. In contrast, in FY 2023, only three states applied for enhancements and only two qualified. As a result, OVW was unable to use the entire FY 2023 RSCCA appropriation for its authorized purpose and was compelled to use the remainder to meet its recession. Assuming these two states are funded again in FY 2024, they will each have received the RSCCA enhancement four times and will no longer be eligible for funding in FY 2025. At this juncture, OVW has concluded that more funding will not encourage more states to enact conforming legislation and that it is possible no eligible states will seek funding in FY 2025.

Impact on Performance

OVW foresees no impact on its ability to encourage states to put in place qualifying laws that provide for termination of the parental rights of rapists upon clear and convincing evidence of rape.



## Funding

### Base Funding

FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Continuing Resolution				FY 2025 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$2,500	0	0	0	\$2,500	0	0	0	\$2,500

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)	FY 2027 Net Annualization (change from 2026) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	\$0	-\$1,000	-\$1,000		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>		