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I. Overview for the Office on Violence Against Women

Introduction

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget request for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$1.0 billion, including 165 positions, 149 FTE, and \$38.5 million for management and administration. This request is a net increase of \$300 million over the FY 2023 enacted. 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 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 violence against women. These priorities guide the FY 2024 Budget request and align with the Attorney General's budget priorities of keeping the country safe and protecting vulnerable communities, as well as the fundamental principles underpinning the Department's efforts to reduce violent crime. This FY 2024 Budget request includes funds to sustain and expand critical victim services and 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 racial equity as an essential component of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- 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.
- Improving outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from underserved communities, particularly LGBTQ and immigrant communities.

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 \$9.5 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 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) implement 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 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, which includes implementing priorities under the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence.

II. Summary of Program Changes

Item Name	Description				Page
		Pos.	FTE	Dollars (\$000)	
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP)	OVW is requesting a \$ 45.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support states combat domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and training for professionals.	0	0	\$45,000	80
Research and Evaluation Violence Against Women (NIJ)	OVW is requesting a \$1.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to finance research to enhance the evidence base for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-funded strategies.	0	0	\$1,000	82
Transitional Housing Program	OVW is requesting a \$45.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support transitional housing and related services.	0	0	\$45,000	84

Consolidated Youth Oriented Program	OVW is requesting a \$11.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support services for youth and child victims.	0	0	\$11,000	87
Improving Criminal Justice Response/Arrest	OVW is requesting a \$19.5 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level 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.	0	0	\$19,500	89
Rural Dom. Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Asst.	OVW is requesting a \$1.5 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support responses to violence against women in rural areas.	0	0	\$1,500	91
Legal Assistance Program	OVW is requesting a \$40.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support legal assistance for victims.	0	0	\$40,000	93
Justice for Families	OVW is requesting a \$6.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support approaches to improving civil and criminal justice systems' responses to violence against women.	0	0	\$6,000	95
Campus Violence	OVW is requesting a \$15.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to strengthen colleges and universities' responses to domestic and sexual violence and stalking.	0	0	\$15,000	98
Disabilities Program	OVW is requesting a \$5.5 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities who are victims.	0	0	\$5,500	101
National Deaf Services	OVW is requesting a \$4.0 million increase over FY 2023 to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to Deaf individuals who are victims of violent crimes.	0	0	\$4,000	103

Abuse in Later Life	OVW is requesting a \$1.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support strategies for responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.	0	0	\$1,000	105
Sexual Assault Services Program	OVW is requesting a \$21.5 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.	0	0	\$21,500	107
National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	OVW is requesting a \$500,000 increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support the National Resource Center on Workplace Responses.	0	0	\$500	109
Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction	OVW is requesting a \$4.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to assist Indian tribes in planning, implementing, and exercising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction to hold accountable non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country.	0	0	\$4,000	111
LGBT Specific Services Program	OVW is requesting a \$7.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support responses to violence against LGBT communities.	0	0	\$7,000	113
Culturally Specific Services	OVW is requesting a \$24.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support culturally specific services for victims.	0	0	\$24,000	115
Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program (new)	OVW is requesting \$5.0 million to build the capacity of community-based organizations that serve victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.	0	0	\$5,000	117

Underserved Populations Program	OVW is requesting a \$5.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level for outreach to and services for victims from underserved populations.	0	0	\$5,000	119
Financial Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Domestic Violence (Financial Assistance Program)	OVW is requesting a \$4.0 million increase over the FY 2023 enacted level to support an initiative to provide financial assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.	0	0	\$4,000	121
National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse (new)	OVW is requesting \$3.0 million to support a national service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse.	0	0	\$3,000	124
Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (new)	OVW is requesting \$20.0 million to support access to sexual assault nurse exams.	0	0	20,000	126
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.	0	0	\$10,000	128
National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals (new)	OVW is requesting \$4.0 million to support a national resource center on cybercrimes against individuals.	0	0	\$4,000	130
Management and Administration Division	OVW is requesting funding to support an additional 32 positions /16 FTE	32	16	[\$2,256]	132
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.	0	0	-\$1,500	137
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	139

Total Program Changes		0	0	\$300,000	
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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

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 ([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) (“the Indian Civil Rights Act”); the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322) (“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](#)) (“the 2000 Act”); *the Justice for All Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-405) (“the 2004 Act”)*; the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 ([Public Law 109-162](#)) (“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”); 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, [\$700,000,000] **\$1,000,000,000**, 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) [\$255,000,000] **\$300,000,000** is for grants to combat violence against women, as authorized by part T of Title I of the 1968 Act[, and 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: *Provided*, That \$10,000,000 shall be for any such increases under such section 5903, which shall apply to fiscal year 2023 grants funded by amounts provided in this paragraph];

(2) [\$50,000,000] **\$95,000,000** 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) [\$2,500,000] **\$3,500,000** is for the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics for research, and 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) [\$17,000,000] **\$28,000,000** 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; [programs to engage men and youth in preventing such violence;] and assistance to middle and high school students through education and other services related to such violence, of which [\$3,500,000] **\$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, and 41303 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) [\$60,500,00] **\$80,000,000** is for grants to improve the criminal justice response as authorized by part U of title I of the 1968 Act, of which *up to* \$4,000,000 is for a homicide reduction initiative; *and* up to [\$4,000,000] **\$8,000,000** is for a domestic violence *firearms* lethality reduction initiative; [\$8,000,000] is for an initiative to promote effective policing and prosecution responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including evaluation of the effectiveness of funded interventions ("Policing and Prosecution Initiative"); and \$1,000,000 is for an initiative to enhance prosecution and investigation of online abuse and harassment ("Prosecution and Investigation of Online Abuse Initiative"): Provided, That subsections (c) and (d) of section 2101 of the 1968 Act shall not apply to the Policing and Prosecution Initiative or the Prosecution and Investigation of Online Abuse Initiative;]

(6) [\$78,500,000] **\$100,000,000** is for sexual assault victims assistance, as authorized by section 41601 of the 1994 Act;

(7) [\$50,000,000] **\$51,500,000** is for rural domestic violence and child abuse enforcement assistance grants, as authorized by section 40295 of the 1994 Act;

(8) [\$25,000,000] **\$40,000,000** is for grants to reduce violent crimes against women on campus, as authorized by section 304 of the 2005 Act, of which [\$12,500,000] **\$20,000,000** is for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Tribal colleges and universities;

(9) [\$55,000,000] **\$95,000,000** is for legal assistance for victims, as authorized by section 1201 of the 2000 Act;

(10) [\$9,000,000] **\$10,000,000** 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) [\$22,000,000] **\$28,000,000** 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) [\$12,000,000] **\$17,500,000** 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) [\$1,000,000] **\$1,500,000** 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) [\$11,000,000] **\$15,000,000** 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) [\$2,500,000] **\$1,500,000** is for the purposes authorized under the 2015 Act;

(18) [\$15,000,000] **\$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) [\$11,000,000] **\$35,000,000** 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) [\$1,000,000] **\$8,000,000** is for [an initiative to support victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including through the provision of technical assistance] *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 Act shall apply to this [initiative]*program*;

(22) [\$2,000,000] **\$6,000,000** 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 Act shall apply to this services line;

(23) [\$5,000,000] **\$10,000,000** is for grants for outreach and services to underserved populations, as authorized by section 120 of the 2005 Act;

(24) [~~\$4,000,000~~] **\$8,000,000** 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; [and]

[~~(26) \$1,500,000 is for a pilot program to improve victim services on college campuses.~~]

(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 Act shall apply to this initiative;

(27) \$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 of section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this services line

(28) \$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) \$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) \$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 the grant.

(Cancellation)

Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations available under this heading, \$5,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, 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, as amended. (Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2023.)

Analysis of Appropriations Language

- The starting language above is the FY 2023 Enacted and displays changes from that language in italics and bold.

- The FY 2024 request includes \$1,000,000,000 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 2024 request removes language in paragraph (1) that set aside funding for increases to STOP Formula grants to states that have a law in effect that provides to survivors of sexual assault the rights, at a minimum, under 18 U.S.C. 3772. OVW is implementing this Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights incentive funding for the first time in FY 2023. The Office has notified state administrators that applications for the funding, including a legal opinion regarding applicable state laws, are due by April 7, 2023. Until OVW has received and reviewed applications for the incentive funding, the Office will not know how many – if any – states will qualify for this funding. It is possible, particularly given the many requirements of 18 U.S.C. 3772, that few or no states will receive these increases in FY 2023. OVW plans to administer the set aside for one full fiscal year and determine whether carryforward may be available to fund FY 2024 increases before seeking an additional appropriation.
- The FY 2024 request removes language in paragraph (5) that would have set aside from the ICJR program \$8 million for an initiative to identify and promulgate effective policing and prosecution responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and \$1 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 purposes of these proposed set asides. The FY 2024 request instead requests appropriations for those grant programs in paragraphs (25) and (28). The FY 2024 request includes language in paragraph (5) authorizing up to \$4 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 million to the initiative.
- The FY 2024 request includes 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 (22) (which was also paragraph (21) in FY 2023 Enacted) has been modified to better reflect the authorizing language in VAWA 2022.
- The FY 2024 request includes language in paragraph (26) authorizing a community-based organizational capacity building initiative that would provide training and technical assistance to build the capacity of community-based organizations that focus on culturally specific, underserved, and other marginalized populations to apply for and successfully implement federal grant awards. Existing OVW technical assistance projects support the ability of grantees to serve victims and hold offenders accountable; they do not usually address the often-confusing world of federal regulations and record-keeping requirements for organizations accustomed to receiving private donations and support from local religious institutions. This initiative would enable OVW to provide hands-on

support to individual organizations and thereby reduce potential audit findings and promote organizational capacity to apply for and receive other federal and state grant funds. It would also have the long-term impact of sustaining these organizations and their ability to provide much needed culturally specific services.

- The FY 2024 request includes language in paragraph (27) for a National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse. Many incarcerated survivors receive little to no sexual assault support services. To address this gap, OVW and the Bureau of Justice Assistance issued an FY 2021 award to develop a comprehensive plan for the design and implementation of a service line for survivors in local, state, tribal, and federal confinement facilities. OVW requests this funding to support implementation this plan for a national service line.
- The FY 2024 request includes language in paragraph (28) for sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) training, salaries, and technical assistance as authorized by section 1318 of VAWA 2022 (also known as the Supporting Access to Nurse Exams Act). Because this grant program was enacted as an amendment to the Justice for All Act of 2004, rather than the 1994 Act, the language includes a proviso ensuring that the VAWA grant conditions at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b) apply to these grants. (The proviso does not refer to the VAWA definitions because the Justice for All Act, as revised by VAWA 2022, includes definitions for the grant program.)
- The FY 2024 request includes language in paragraph (29) for a grant program to assist States, Tribes, and units of local government in the prevention, enforcement, and prosecution of cybercrimes against individuals, as authorized by section 1401 of VAWA 2022. Because this new grant program was not enacted as an amendment to the 1994 Act, the language includes a proviso ensuring that the VAWA grant conditions at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b) apply to these grants. (The proviso does not refer to the VAWA definitions because section 1401 of VAWA 2022 includes definitions for the grant program.)
- The FY 2024 request includes language in paragraph (30) for a National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals, as authorized by section 1402 of VAWA 2022. The Center will 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. Because this new resource center was not enacted as an amendment to the 1994 Act, the language includes a proviso ensuring that the VAWA grant conditions at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b) apply to this grant. (The proviso does not refer to the VAWA definitions because section 1402 of VAWA 2022 includes definitions for the resource center.)

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])

Office on Violence Against Women - Grants OVW Appropriation	Direct Pos.	Estimate FTE	Amount (\$000)
2022 Enacted	0	0	\$575,000
2023 Enacted Budget	0	0	\$700,000
Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	0	0	\$0
2024 Current Services	0	0	\$700,000
2024 Program Increases	0	0	\$302,500
2024 Program Offsets	0	0	\$-2,500
2024 Request	0	0	\$1,000,000
Total Change 2023-2024	0	0	\$300,000
Office on Violence Against Women – Management and Administration	Direct Pos.	Estimate FTE	Amount (\$000)
2022 Enacted	133	66	[\$30,942]
2023 Enacted Budget	133	133	[\$35,062]
Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	0	0	[\$1,193]
2024 Current Services	133	133	[\$36,255]
Program Changes (Increase)	32	16	[\$2,256]
2024 Request	165	149	[\$38,511]
Total Change 2023-2024	0	0	[\$3,449]
Office on Violence Against Women TOTAL			\$1,000,000

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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)

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$255.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$300.0M

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.

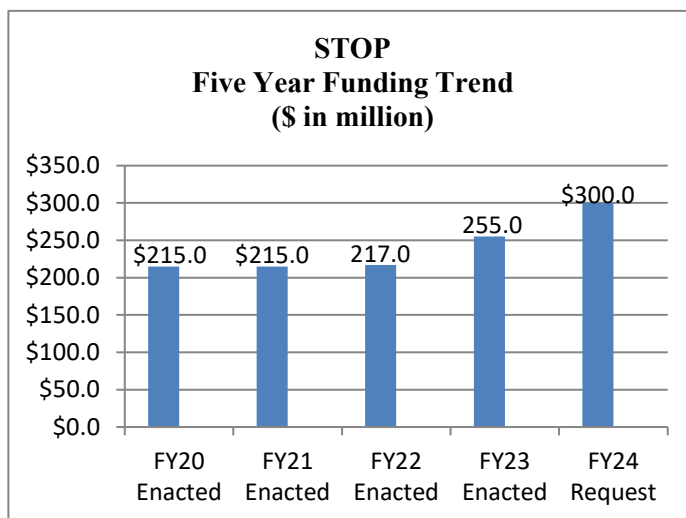
The STOP Program is the cornerstone of VAWA, funding the most essential elements of state and territorial responses to violence against women. The STOP Program has supported significant improvements in the criminal and civil justice systems.

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW's FY 2024 request is \$45.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

2022 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANTS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>STOP AMOUNT</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>STOP AMOUNT</u>
ALABAMA	\$2,202,229	NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$1,041,575
ALASKA	\$832,924	NEW JERSEY	\$3,546,117
ARIZONA	\$2,913,217	NEW MEXICO	\$1,272,659
ARKANSAS	\$1,561,962	NEW YORK	\$6,906,043
CALIFORNIA	\$13,074,110	NORTH CAROLINA	\$3,954,323
COLORADO	\$2,447,717	NORTH DAKOTA	\$846,364
CONNECTICUT	\$1,746,256	OHIO	\$4,344,989
DELAWARE	\$918,986	OKLAHOMA	\$1,867,394
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$813,016	OREGON	\$1,949,897
FLORIDA	\$7,524,447	PENNSYLVANIA	\$4,721,408
GEORGIA	\$4,033,294	RHODE ISLAND	\$948,306
HAWAII	\$1,058,285	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$2,250,179
IDAHO	\$1,204,323	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$884,649
ILLINOIS	\$4,628,391	TENNESSEE	\$2,817,495
INDIANA	\$2,763,693	TEXAS	\$9,987,238
IOWA	\$1,615,113	UTAH	\$1,661,177
KANSAS	\$1,532,934	VERMONT	\$805,233
KENTUCKY	\$2,033,583	VIRGINIA	\$3,347,468
LOUISIANA	\$2,070,032	WASHINGTON	\$3,060,210
MAINE	\$1,036,252	WEST VIRGINIA	\$1,166,821
MARYLAND	\$2,559,959	WISCONSIN	\$2,474,370
MASSACHUSETTS	\$2,820,515	WYOMING	\$784,007
MICHIGAN	\$3,795,257	PUERTO RICO	\$1,637,527
MINNESOTA	\$2,414,438	VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$633,657
MISSISSIPPI	\$1,537,824	GUAM	\$653,664
MISSOURI	\$2,560,930	AMERICAN SAMOA	\$614,740
MONTANA	\$951,059	NORTHERN MARIANA	\$616,423
NEBRASKA	\$1,224,278		
NEVADA	\$1,599,507		
Total:		\$140,268,464.00	

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, 2021 (NST-EST2021-POP)

2020 Midyear Population and Density for Region Summary (International Database): Virgin Islands, US.; Guam, American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands population region figures

OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$ 78.5M
FY 2024 Request:	\$100.0M

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.

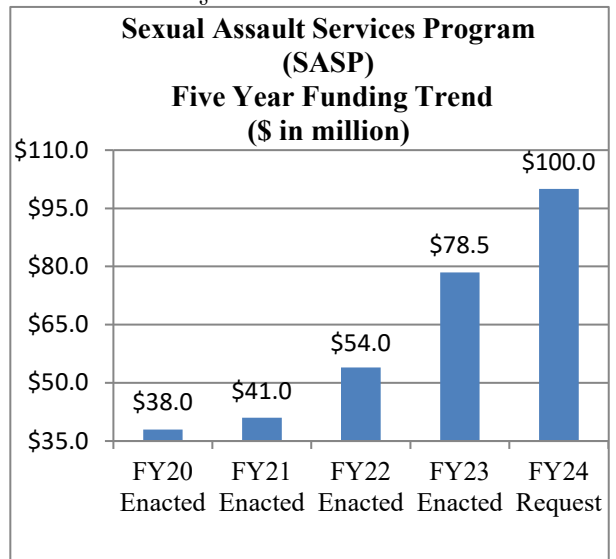
SASP helps survivors heal from sexual assault trauma by funding direct intervention and assistance, including 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, crisis intervention, and medical and criminal justice accompaniment. Victim service organizations such as rape crisis centers provide these interventions.

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$21.5 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

2022 SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM (SASP) FORMULA GRANTS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>SASP AMOUNT</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SASP AMOUNT</u>
ALABAMA	\$636,511	NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$553,005
ALASKA	\$537,993	NEW JERSEY	\$733,201
ARIZONA	\$687,665	NEW MEXICO	\$569,631
ARKANSAS	\$590,446	NEW YORK	\$974,940
CALIFORNIA	\$1,418,721	NORTH CAROLINA	\$762,571
COLORADO	\$654,174	NORTH DAKOTA	\$538,960
CONNECTICUT	\$603,705	OHIO	\$790,679
DELAWARE	\$544,185	OKLAHOMA	\$612,421
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$536,561	OREGON	\$618,357
FLORIDA	\$1,019,433	PENNSYLVANIA	\$817,761
GEORGIA	\$768,253	RHODE ISLAND	\$546,294
HAWAII	\$554,207	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$639,962
IDAHO	\$564,714	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$541,714
ILLINOIS	\$811,068	TENNESSEE	\$680,779
INDIANA	\$676,908	TEXAS	\$1,196,626
IOWA	\$594,270	UTAH	\$597,584
KANSAS	\$588,357	VERMONT	\$536,001
KENTUCKY	\$624,378	VIRGINIA	\$718,909
LOUISIANA	\$627,000	WASHINGTON	\$698,241
MAINE	\$552,622	WEST VIRGINIA	\$562,016
MARYLAND	\$662,249	WISCONSIN	\$656,091
MASSACHUSETTS	\$680,996	WYOMING	\$534,473
MICHIGAN	\$751,126	PUERTO RICO	\$595,882
MINNESOTA	\$651,780	VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$90,171
MISSISSIPPI	\$588,709	GUAM	\$91,610
MISSOURI	\$662,319	AMERICAN SAMOA	\$88,810
MONTANA	\$546,492	NORTHERN MARIANA	\$88,931
NEBRASKA	\$566,150		
NEVADA	\$593,147		
Total:		\$35,129,759.00	

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

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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

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$12.8M*
FY 2024 Request:	\$15.0M*
*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

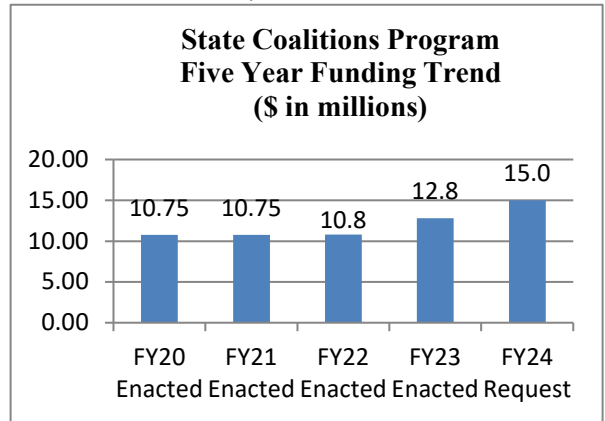
activities, and collaboration and coordination with federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities. The program is funded by a five percent statutory set-aside from the STOP Program. The SASP State Coalitions funding stream also is administered through this Program.

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$2.2 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$ 8.4M*
FY 2024 Request:	\$10.4M*
*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 1/56th 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.

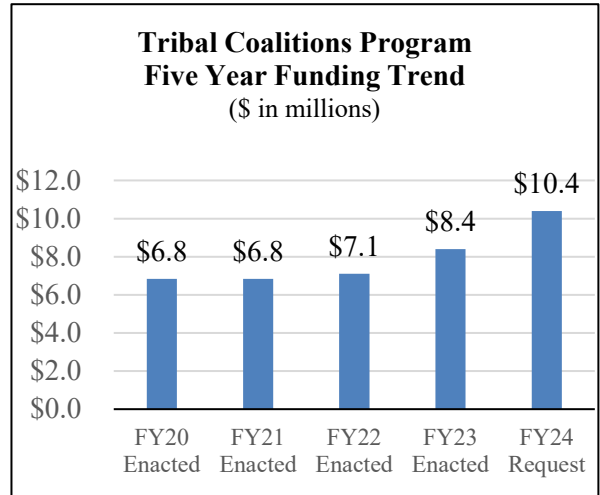
Authorizing Legislation: Authorized in VAWA 2000; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441(d)

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.

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

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$2.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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 2023 Enacted:	\$60.5M
FY 2024 Request:	\$80.0M

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.

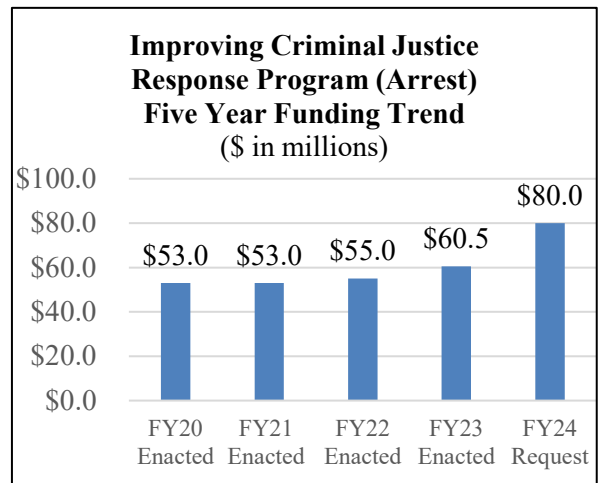
In October 2020, Congress enacted Savanna’s Act, which added two additional purpose areas to the ICJR Program: developing and implementing policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Indians; and compiling and annually reporting data to the Attorney General 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$19.5 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

ICJR Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants	\$30.5	\$31.7	\$30.0	\$33.0	\$43.6
Total Funding Awarded	\$30.4	\$30.7	\$30.0	\$33.0	\$43.6
Number of Applications	103	118	102	112	148
<u>Number of Awards</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>Percentage of Apps Funded</u>	<u>41%</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>39%</u>	<u>39%</u>	<u>39%</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)

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$55.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$95.0M

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

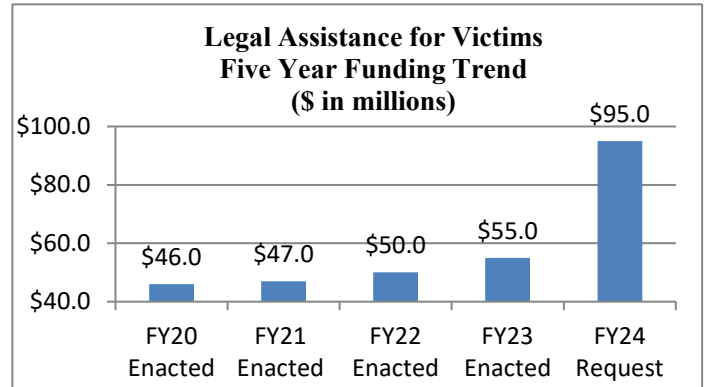
2022. The Program funds projects that address the civil and criminal legal needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The LAV program supports legal services to victims seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of their victimization as well 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$40.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

LAV Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	\$36.6	\$35.8	\$35.7	\$39.29	\$61.7
Total Funding Awarded	\$36.5	\$35.8	\$35.7	\$39.29	\$61.7
Number of Applications	179	135	152	167	262
Number of Awards	59	59	59	65	101
Percentage of Applications Funded	33%	44%	39%	39%	39%

^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)

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$50.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$51.5M

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

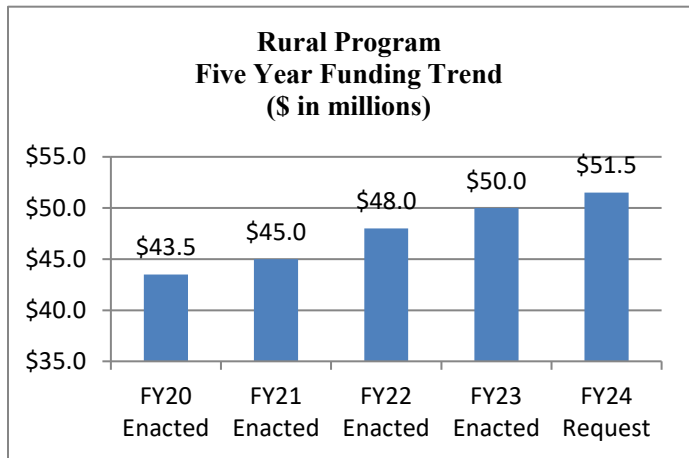
Rural Program is to enhance the safety of children, youth, and adults who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. The Rural Program encourages collaboration between 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.¹ 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.

¹ 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$1.5 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Rural Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	\$32.2	32.0	33.5	34.9	36.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$32.2	34.6	33.5	34.9	36.0
Number of Applications	116	87	96	100	103
Number of Awards	57	46	43	45	46
Percentage of Applications Funded	49%	53%	45%	45%	45%

^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)

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$12.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$17.5M

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

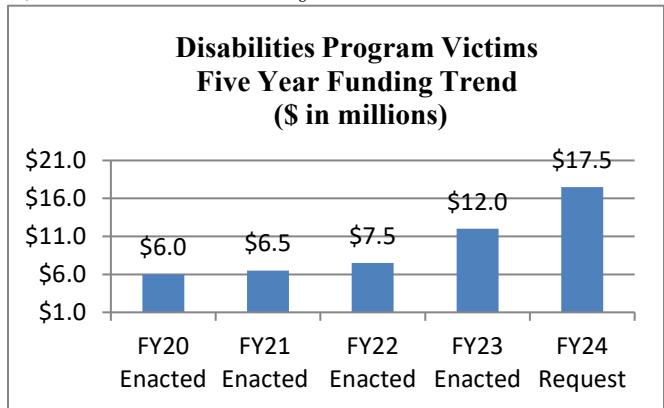
2022. The goal of the Disabilities Program is to create sustainable, systemic change that will both hold offenders accountable and result in effective services for individuals with disabilities who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and abuse by caregivers. 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$5.5 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Disabilities Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	\$4.4	\$5.0	\$4.4	\$7.0	\$10.3
Total Funding Awarded	\$4.4	\$4.1	\$4.4	\$7.0	\$10.3
Number of Applications	37	17	15	24	35
Number of Awards	11	10	10	16	23
Percentage of Applications Funded	30%	59%	67%	67%	67%

[^]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)

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$25.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$40.0M

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.

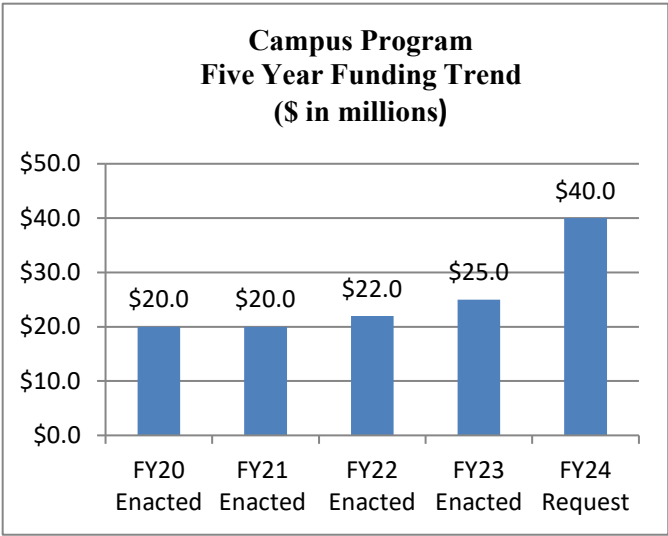
Authorizing Legislation: Authorized in Higher Education Amendment of 1998, and VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 20125

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$15.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Campus Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	\$16.7	\$16.7	\$15.5	\$17.6	\$28.1
Total Funding Awarded	\$16.7	\$16.2	\$15.5	\$17.6	\$28.1
Number of Applications	103	88	83	94	151
Number of Awards	52	52	36	41	65
Percentage of Apps Funded	50%	59%	43%	43%	43%

^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)

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$22.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$28.0M

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.

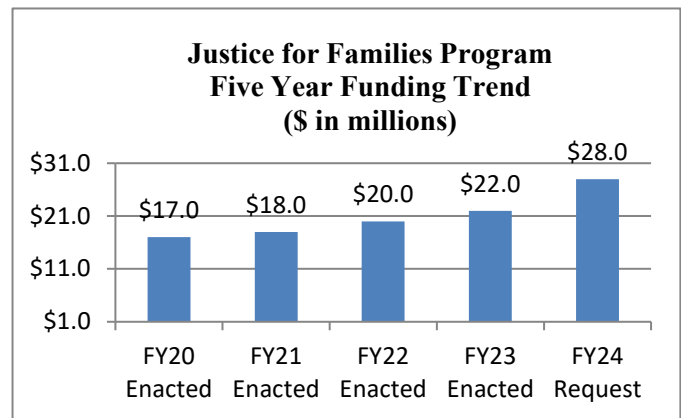
Authorizing Legislation: Authorized in VAWA 2013; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 12464

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$6.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Justice for Families Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	\$13.1	\$13.8	\$14.3	\$15.7	\$20.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$13.1	\$13.6	\$14.3	\$15.7	\$20.0
Number of Applications	96	54	81	89	113
Number of Awards	24	24	26	29	36
Percentage of Applications Funded	25%	44%	32%	32%	32%

^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 2023 Enacted:	\$ 9.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$10.0M

Program Description

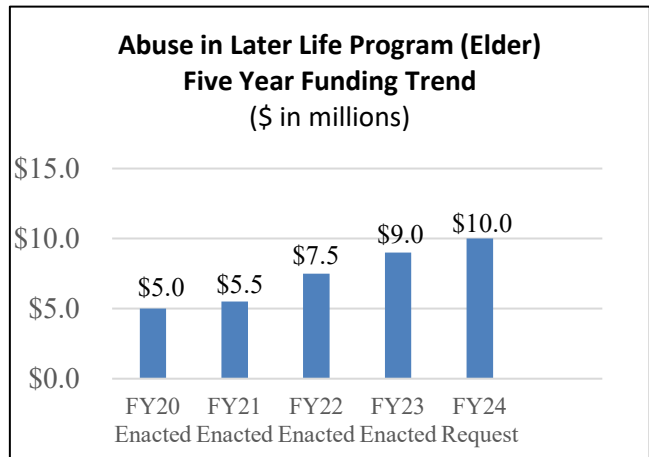
Purpose: The Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program) was created by Congress in VAWA 2000 and expanded by VAWA 2005 and VAWA 2013. Under this grant program, OVW funds projects that create multidisciplinary partnerships 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$1.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Abuse in Later Life Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	\$3.8	\$4.0	\$4.5	\$5.3	\$5.9
Total Funding Awarded	\$3.0	\$1.4	\$4.5	\$5.3	\$5.9
Number of Applications	13	8	12	14	16
Number of Awards	8	4	6	7	8
Percentage of Applications Funded	62%	50%	50%	50%	50%

^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)

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$50.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$95.0M

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

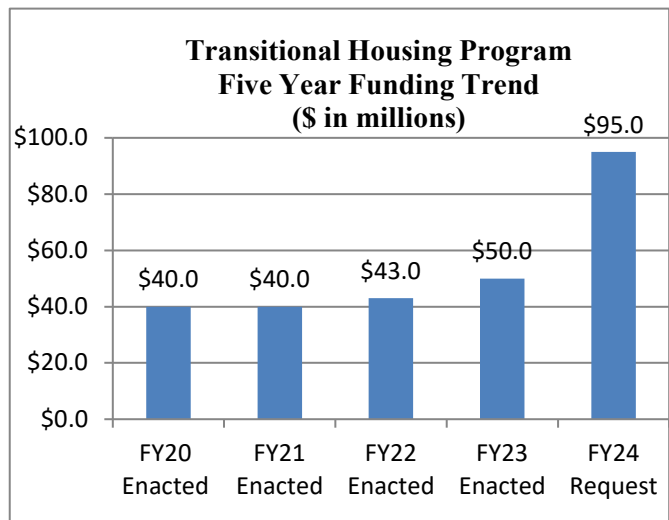
First Year of Appropriation: Fiscal Year 2004

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW's FY 2024 request is \$45.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Transitional Housing Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grant^	\$41.1	\$35.3	\$36.2	\$42.1	\$80.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$41.1	\$35.3	\$36.2	\$42.1	\$80.0
Number of Applications	195	143	162	188	358
Number of Awards	81	68	73	85	161
Percentage of Applications Funded	42%	42%	45%	45%	45%

^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**

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$17.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$28.0M

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.

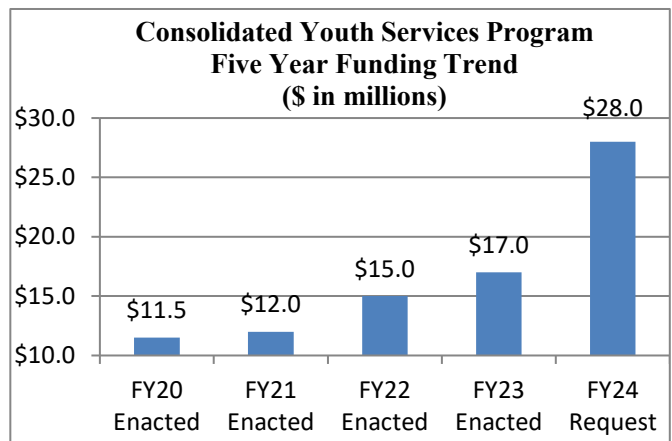
Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice Appropriation Acts

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$11.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Consolidated Youth Program Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Estimates	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	\$8.8	\$8.1	\$11.1	\$12.5	\$20.6
Total Funding Awarded	\$8.8	\$9	\$11.1	\$12.5	\$20.6
Number of Applications	168*	98	117	133	218
Number of Awards	18	20	25	28	47
Percentage of Applications Funded	11%	20%	21%	21%	21%

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

* This number reflects the total number of applications received under two solicitations released in FY 2020: 111 applications were received under the solicitation titled *Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth*, and 57 applications were received under the solicitation titled *Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls*.

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 2023 Enacted:	\$49.3M*
FY 2024 Request:	\$64.9M*
*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.

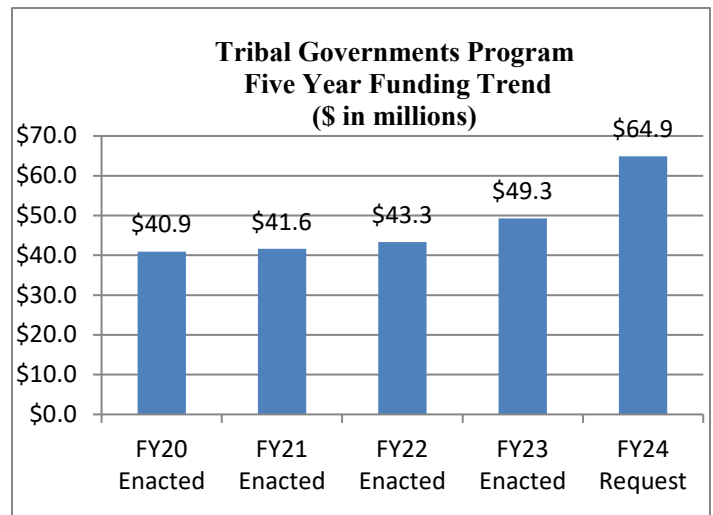
The Tribal Government Program awards funds to tribal governments and their designees to develop a comprehensive, multi-faceted response to violence against Indian women. Funds may be used for a broad spectrum of activities: developing and enhancing tribal governments’ response to violence against Indian 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 202 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$15.6 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Tribal Governments Program Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	[40.8]	[\$39.2]	[\$39.6]	[\$45.0]	[\$59.3]
Total Funding Awarded	\$39.8	\$32.4	\$39.6	\$45.0	\$59.3
Number of Applications	58	52	32	36	48
Number of Awards	55	40	30	34	45
Percentage of Applications Funded	95%	77%	94%	94%	94%

[^]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

Funding (set aside)	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$15.4M*
FY 2024 Request:	\$20.4M*
Funding (direct appropriations)	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$11.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$35.0M
*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

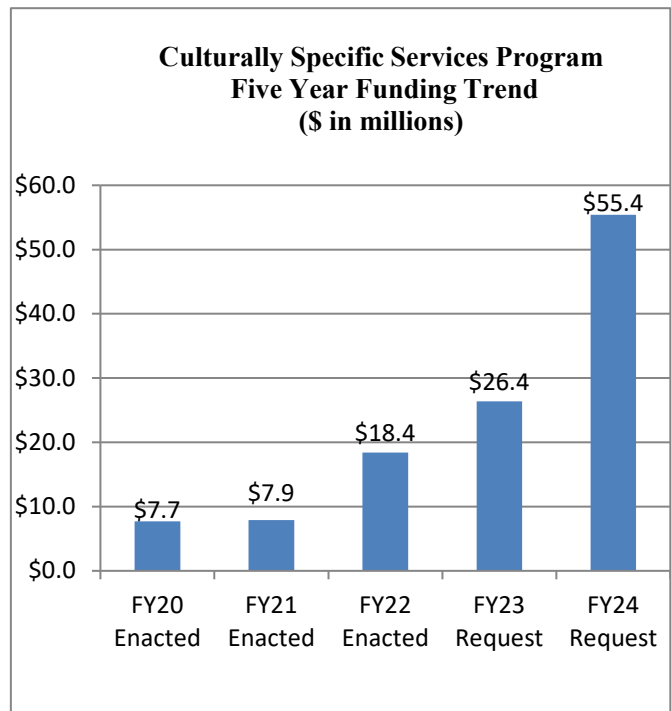
Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$29.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Culturally Specific Services Program Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants	\$6.5	\$6.8	\$15.41	\$22.1	\$46.4
Total Funding Awarded	\$6.5	\$6.8	\$15.41	\$22.1	\$46.4
Number of Applications	79	82	49	70	148
Number of Awards	22	23	40	57	120
Percentage of Applications Funded	28%	28%	82%	82%	82%

^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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$ 7.9M*
FY 2024 Request:	\$10.0M*
*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.

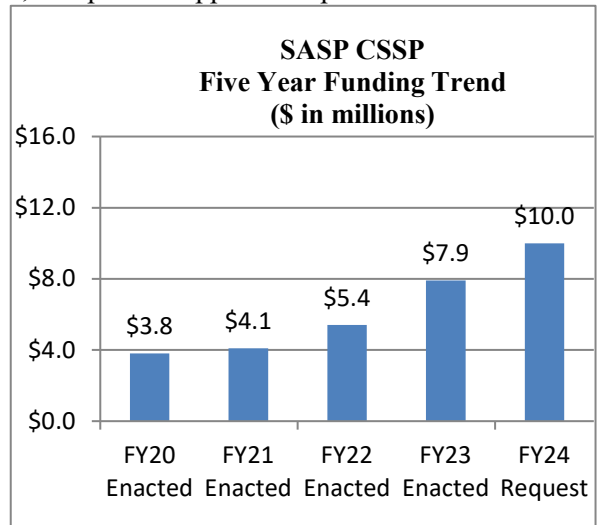
What the Program Has Accomplished:

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$2.1 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.



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

SASP - CSS Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2023 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	[\$3.8]	[\$4.0]	[\$5.4]	[\$7.85]	[\$10.0]
Total Funding Awarded	\$3.8	\$4.0	\$5.4	\$7.85	\$10.0
Number of Applications	29	22	27	39	50
Number of Awards	12	14	19	28	35
Percentage of Applications Funded	41%	64%	70%	70%	70%

^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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$ 7.9M*
FY 2024 Request:	\$10.0M*
*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)

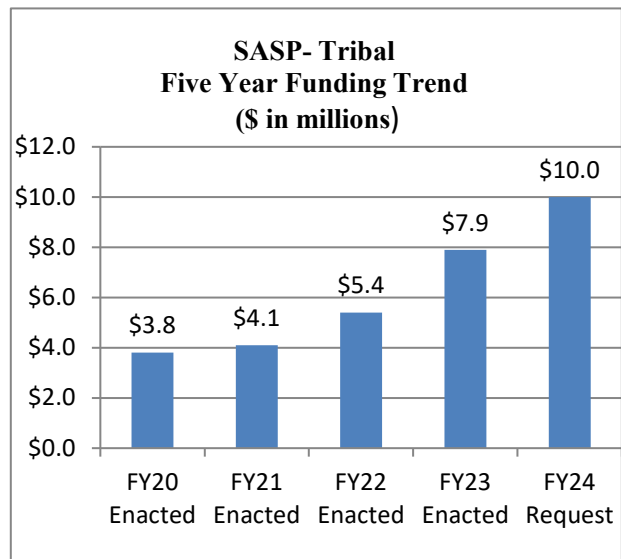
First Year of Appropriation: Fiscal Year 2008

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$2.1 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

TSASP Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	[\$4.8]	[\$6.1]	[\$6.2]	[\$6.6]	[\$8.4]
Total Funding Awarded	\$2.6	\$3.8	\$6.2	\$6.6	\$8.4
Number of Applications	10	12	8	9	11
Number of Awards	9	10	7	7	10
Percentage of Applications Funded	90%	83%	88%	88%	88%

^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

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$ 6.3M*
FY 2024 Request:	\$ 7.6M*
<u>Funding (direct appropriations)</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$ 5.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$10.0M
*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.

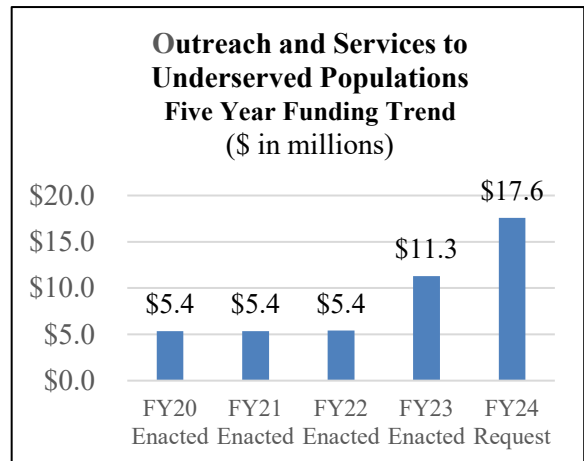
Authorizing Legislation: Authorized in VAWA 2005 and amended in VAWA 2013 and VAWA 2022; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 20123

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$6.3 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Outreach to Underserved Program Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	[\$5.1]	[\$4.9]	[\$4.5]	[\$9.4]	[\$14.6]
Total Funding Awarded	\$4.9	\$4.9	\$4.5	\$9.4	\$14.6
Number of Applications	49	30	33	69	107
Number of Awards	11	11	10	21	32
Percentage of Applications Funded	23%	37%	30%	30%	30%

[^]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

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$11.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$15.0M

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 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; Attorney General to promulgate rules regarding reimbursement by March 15, 2023.

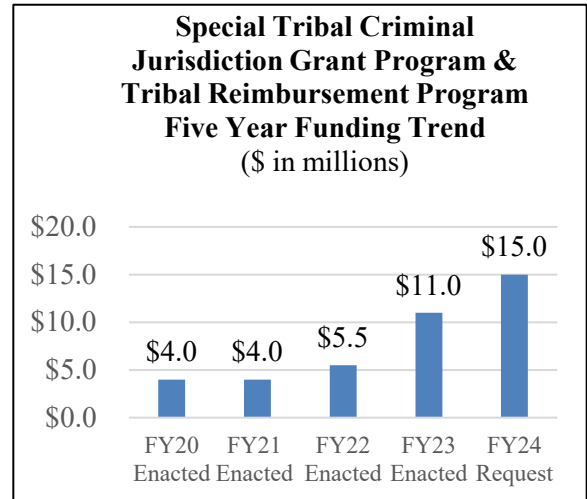
What the Programs Are Trying to Achieve: Through the grant program, Indian tribes will receive support and technical assistance for planning, developing, and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise STCJ, as well as funding to exercise STCJ. The Tribal Jurisdiction 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$4.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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



Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program Grant Application and Award History⁺

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	\$3.26	\$3.8	\$6.7	\$8.8	\$12.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$3.26	\$2.4	\$6.7	\$8.8	12.0
Number of Applications	13	13*	15	20	27
Number of Awards	10	13	15	20	27
Percentage of Applications Funded	77%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

* Some FY 2021 funds were issued in FY 2022 under a separate solicitation.

⁺The Tribal Reimbursement Program has no history of reimbursements sought and received.

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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$15.0M
FY 2024 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

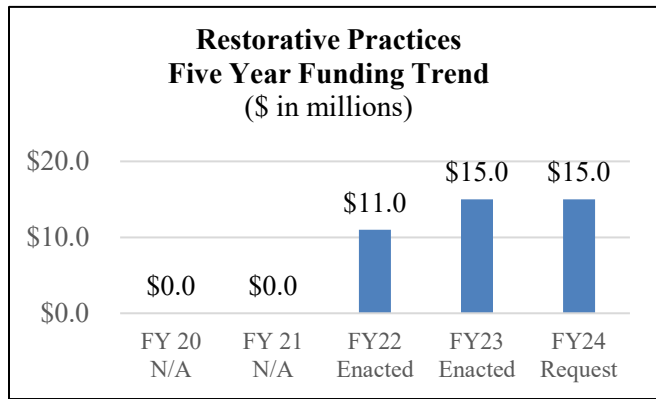
First Year of Appropriation: Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2022 President’s Budget

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 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 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	N/A	N/A	\$10.3	\$14.1	\$14.1
Total Funding Awarded	N/A	N/A	\$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

[^]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**

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$1.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$8.0M

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

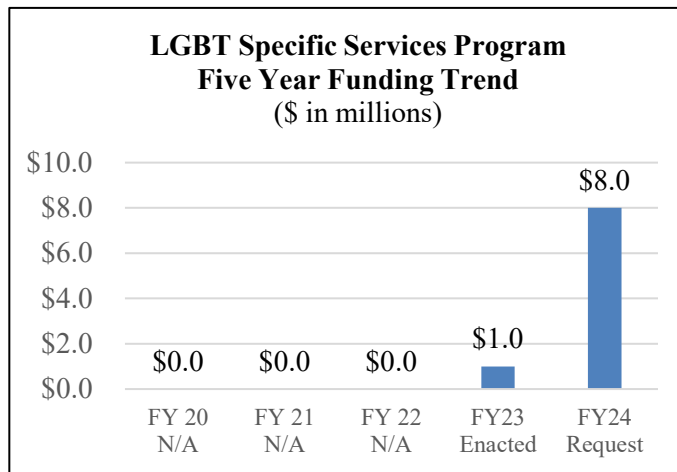
First Year of Appropriation: Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW requests \$7.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

For additional information, please visit: N/A



LGBT Specific Services Program Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants^	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1.0	\$6.8
Total Funding Awarded	N/A	N/A	N/A	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

^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) Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$0.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$5.0M

Program Description

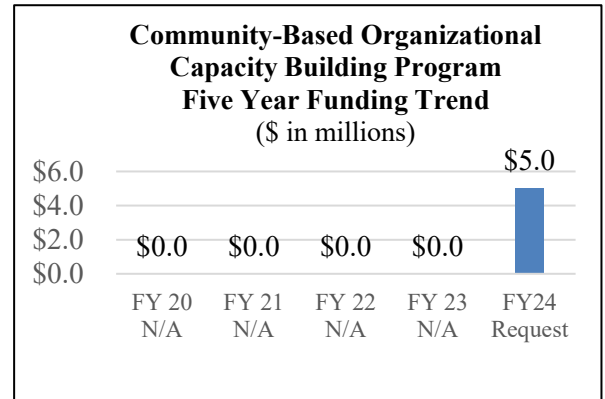
Purpose: This program would provide training and technical assistance to build the capacity of community-based organizations

that focus on culturally specific, underserved, and other marginalized populations to apply for and successfully implement federal grant awards.

Authorizing Legislation: FY 2023 appropriations act

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

What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: This initiative would fill a gap in existing OVW technical assistance projects, which focus on the substance of grant-funded work but do not usually help grantees navigate the often confusing world of federal regulations and record-keeping requirements. Lack of familiarity with these complex requirements can undermine small community-based organizations when they compete for funds or try to implement a project. This initiative would enable OVW to provide hands-on support to individual organizations and thereby reduce potential audit findings and promote organizational capacity to apply for and receive other federal and state grant funds. It would also have the long-term impact of sustaining the longevity of these organizations and their continued ability to provide much needed culturally specific services.



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

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$5.0 million to support this new program.

For additional information, please visit: N/A

Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program Grant Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5.0
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

[^]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) Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams**

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$0M
FY 2024 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

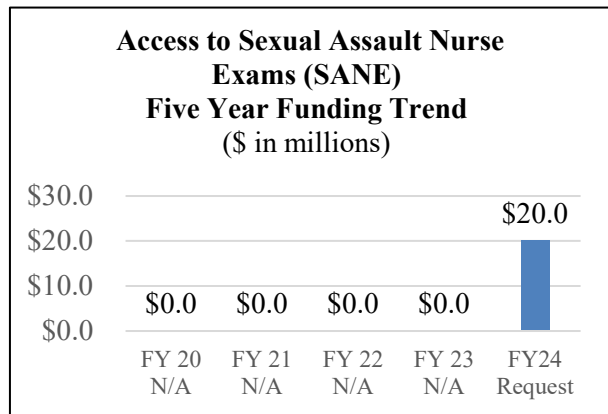
First Year of Appropriation: Funding first requested in Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$20.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

For additional information, please visit:
N/A



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

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 Estimates
Amount Available for Grants [^]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$16.0
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

[^]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) Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Against Individuals

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$ 0.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$10.0M

Program Description

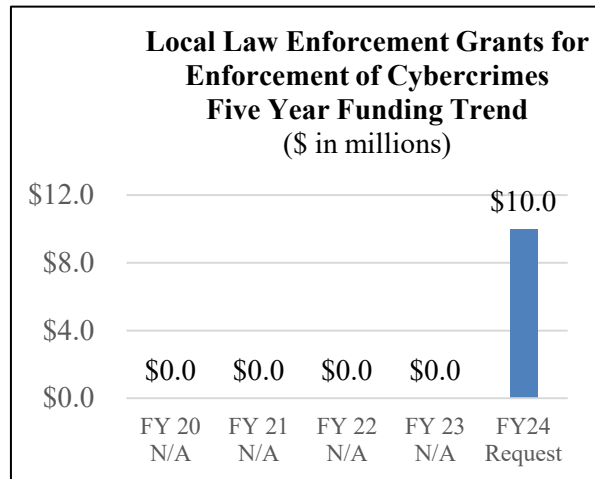
Purpose: This new federal funding, authorized by section 1401 of VAWA 2022, is designed to support the efforts of States, Indian

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).

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$10.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

For additional information, please visit:

N/A

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

(\$ in millions)	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 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:
(21) National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$0M
FY 2024 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.

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

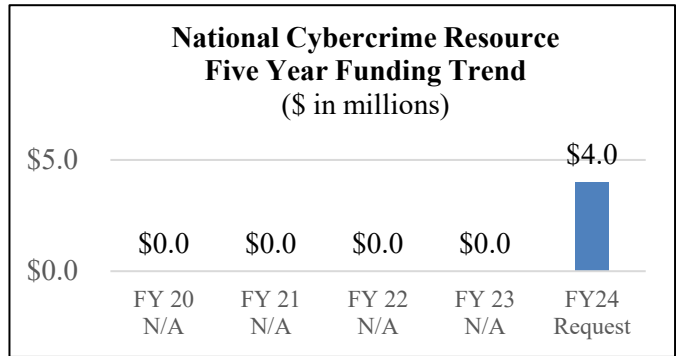
What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: The new resource center will provide a range of stakeholders with current tools and research, information on best practices, and training and technical assistance to support prevention of cybercrimes against individuals and effective investigation and prosecutions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

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

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$4.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Estimates	FY 2024 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

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$1.0M
FY 2024 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.

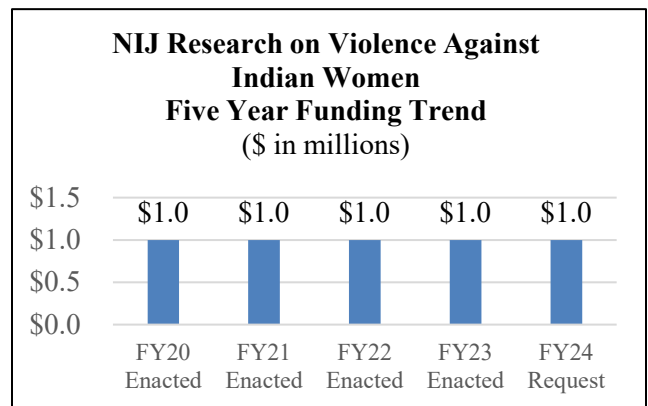
Authorizing Legislation: Authorized in VAWA 2005; codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10452 note

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$2.5M
FY 2024 Request:	\$3.5M

Program Description

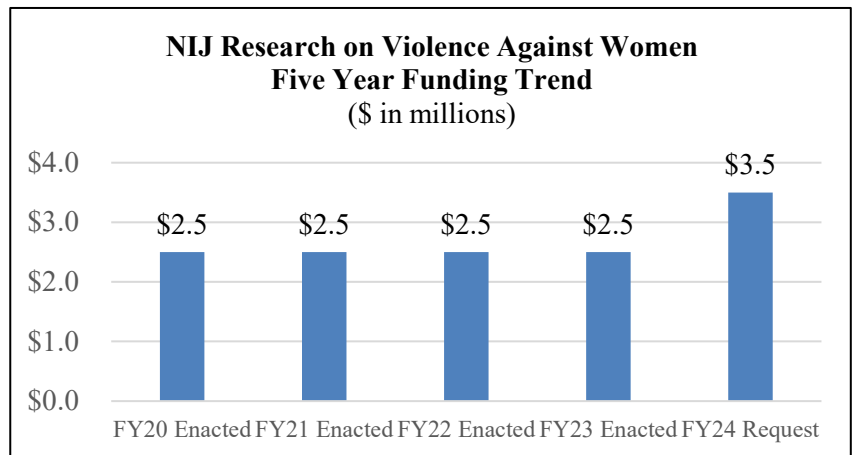
Purpose: The NIJ Violence Against Women Research and Evaluation Program promotes the safety of women and their family members and strives to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of

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 Appropriation Acts

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$1.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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 2023 Enacted:	\$4.0M
FY 2024 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

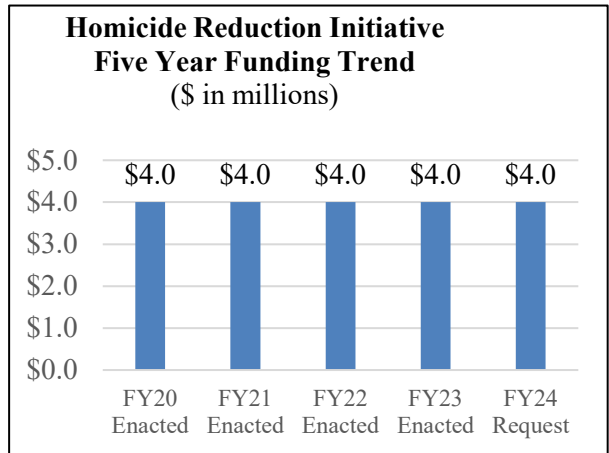
demonstration sites, provides intensive technical assistance to those sites, and conducts a rigorous evaluation to determine the efficacy of these models in different communities and the key components of successful adaptations of the models, including a focus on culturally specific communities and underserved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

Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice Appropriation Acts

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 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

<u>Funding</u>	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$4.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$8.0M
*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

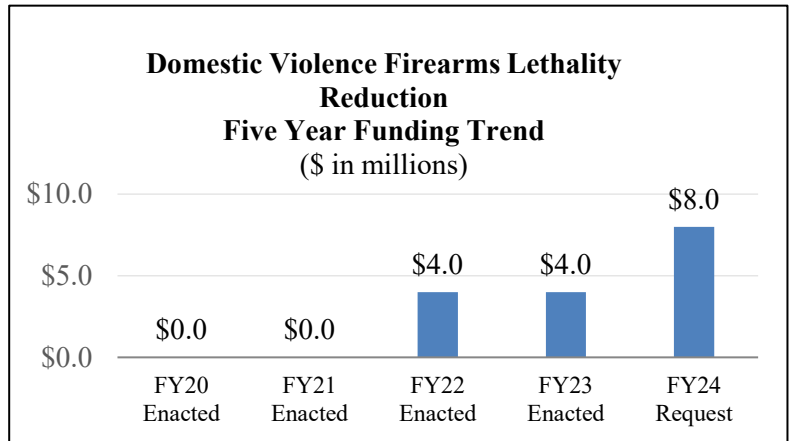
Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed: Discretionary program.

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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:

OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$4.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.



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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$1.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$1.5M

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, 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.

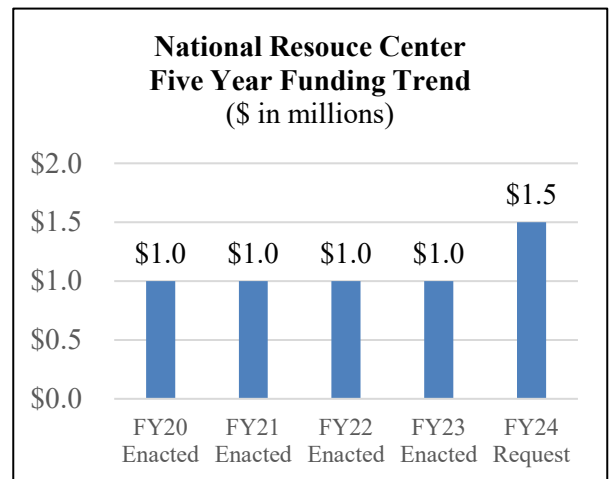
What the Program Has Accomplished: In a recent six-month period, the National Resource Center reported training nearly 2,000 people, including public and private sector employers, unions, sports associations, and many others on how to prevent and respond to violence in the workplace.

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

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$0.5 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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)

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$500K
FY 2024 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) 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 Appropriation Acts

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.

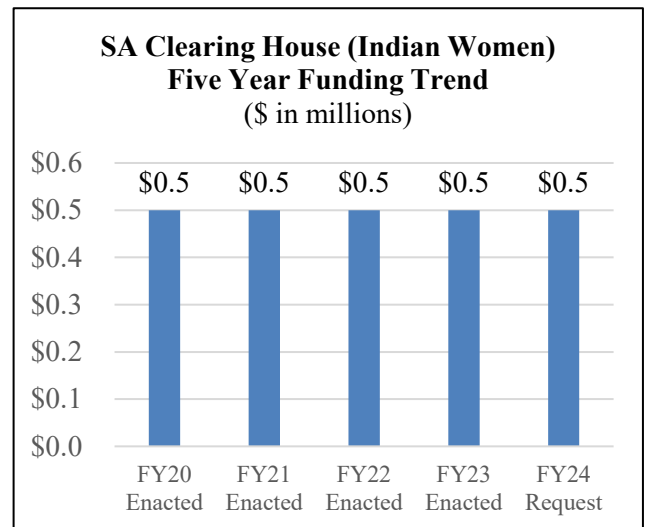
What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault funding will be used to establish, sustain, and/or expand training, educational programs, and technical assistance on issues relating to sexual assault of American Indian and Alaska Native women.

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

FY 2024 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**

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$2.5M
FY 2024 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.

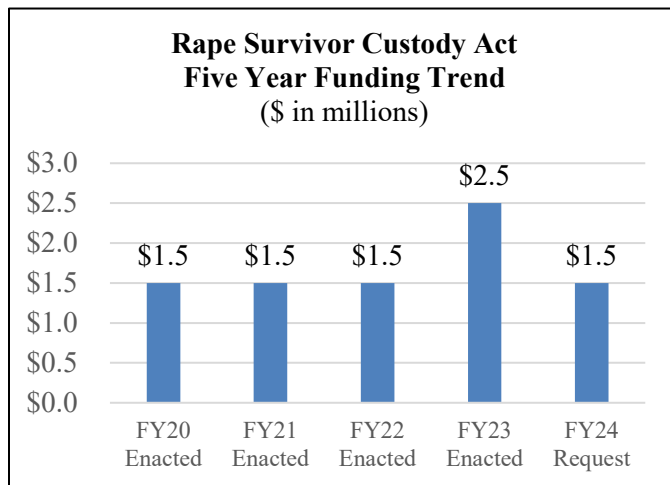
FY 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request includes a \$1.0 million decrease from the FY 2023 Enacted.

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

Grant Application and Award History:

In FY 2022, \$1.5 million was awarded to three 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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$2.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$6.0M

Program Description

Purpose: The National Deaf Services Line will provide remote 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

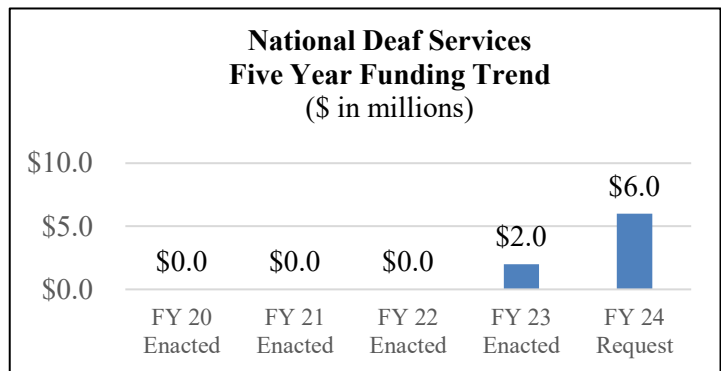
What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: Deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking often seek services from mainstream victim service providers, which often are not well-positioned to meet the unique needs of these victims. A national Deaf services line will expand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

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

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$4.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

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**

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$3.0M
FY 2024 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

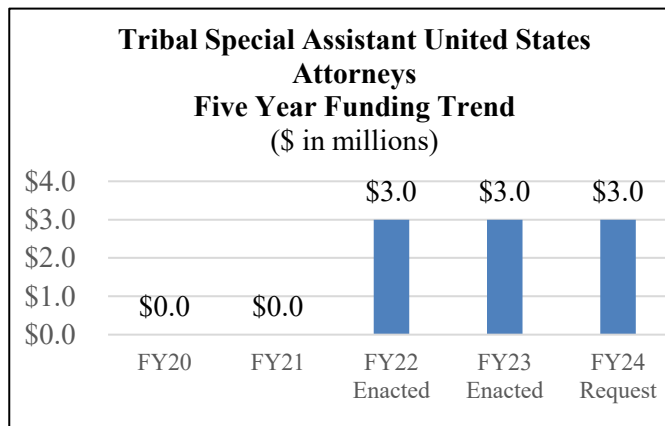
What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: Tribal SAUSAs facilitate communication and collaboration between tribal and federal law enforcement and prosecution, as well as prosecuting cases, thereby ensuring that offenders who commit violence against women in Indian country are prosecuted in either tribal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

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

FY 2024 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)

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$4.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$8.0M

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

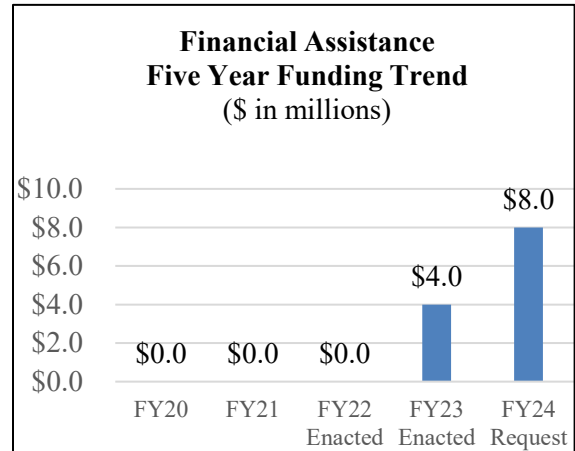
What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: Recognizing that financial assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence has yielded promising results, OVW requests funding to enable victim service providers to provide this type of assistance alongside other victim services. In addition, supporting financial 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2024 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:
 OVW’s FY 2024 request is \$4.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted.

For additional information, please visit: N/A

Grant Application and Award History: N/A



**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:
(11) Abby Honold Act**

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$5.0M
FY 2024 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 2024 President’s Budget

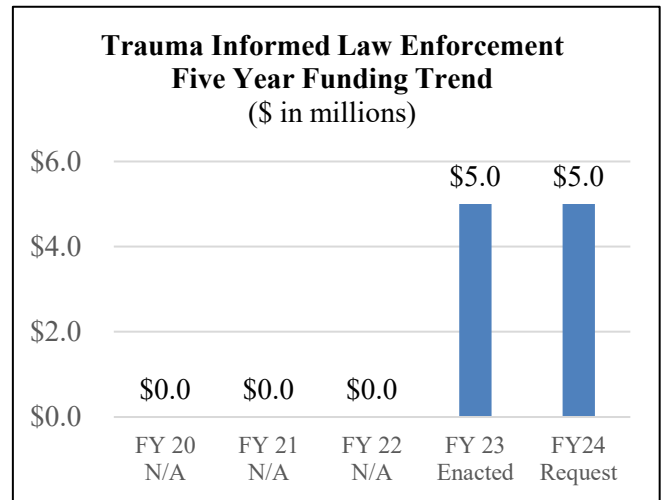
What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: Domestic violence and sexual assault are serious crimes. Yet, far too often, an inadequate law enforcement response has thwarted investigations, caused further harm to victims, and allowed perpetrators to evade accountability and continue to commit crimes. This 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 2024 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:
N/A

FY 2024 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

Funding	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$0.0M
FY 2024 Request:	\$3.0M

Program Description

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

Authorizing Legislation: FY 2024 appropriations act

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

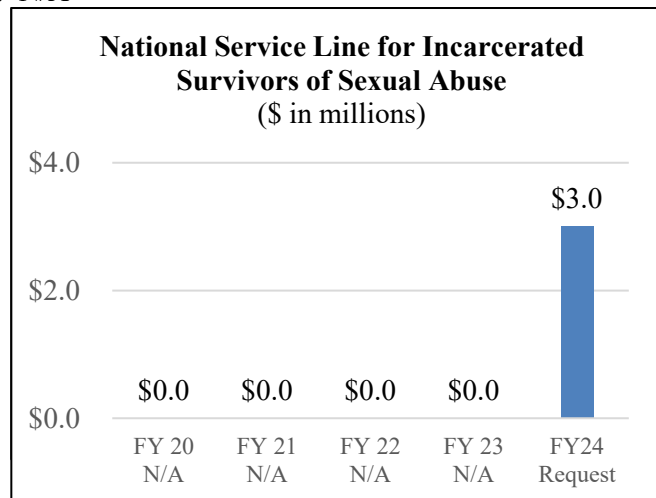
What the Program Is Trying to Achieve: The requested \$3 million will enable OVW to fund a five-year project to launch and maintain a national service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse, which will provide support services to survivors in local, state, tribal, and federal confinement facilities, 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 2024 request is \$3.0 million above the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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 Act; the joint explanatory statement noted that M&A should be supported with program funding. The FY 2024 request seeks this same structure, which excludes peer review costs and certain program contract costs. FY 2024 M&A for OVW is 165 positions, 149 FTEs, and \$38,511,000.

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 (vacant), 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 2,300 grant awards administered by OVW (based on budget level of approx. \$500 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, established in 2010. 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 2022		FY 2022		FY 2023		Current Services Adjustments and FY 2024 Program Changes		FY 2024 Request	
Total Costs and FTE (Reimbursable: FTE are included, but costs are bracketed and not included in totals)			FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FT E	\$000	FT E	\$000	FT E	\$000
			133	575,500	66	575,000	133	700,000	16	300,000	149	1,000,000
TYPE	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE	FY 2022		FY 2022		FY 2023		Current Services Adjustments and FY 2024 Program Changes		FY 2023 Request	
Program Activity			FTE	\$000	FTE	\$000	FT E	\$000	FT E	\$000	FT E	\$000
			133	575,000	66	575,000	133	700,000	16	300,000	149	1,000,000
KPI: Outcome	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).	75		80		75		N/A		N/A	

*Denotes inclusion in the DOJ Quarterly Status Report and DOJ Annual Performance Plan.

*This table is required.

2. Performance and Resource Table -- cont.

	Performance		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
			Actual	Target	Target
	Key Performance Indicator	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).	80	75	75

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: Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP 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 \$45,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$45.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to reflect the need for greater resources for states to combat domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, court response, and training for professionals.

Justification

The STOP Program promotes efforts in which law enforcement officers, advocates, prosecutors, court personnel, forensic healthcare providers, and others work together in a seamless, systemic way to make their communities safer. Such approaches are most effective when they are implemented as a coordinated community response.²

Impact on Performance

This increase in funding for OVW's largest formula grant program will significantly enhance states' and territories' ability to finance coordinated community responses to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. As a result, subrecipients of STOP funds will be able to respond more robustly to these crimes—serving more victims with a broader array of services, enhancing investigations and prosecutions, strengthening court-based programs, and making

² The studies listed in this footnote examine various coordinated community response models:

Beldin, K., Lauritsen, A., D'Souza, H., & Moyer, B. (2015). Citations and convictions: one community's coordinated response to intimate partner violence & efforts toward offender accountability. *Social Sciences*, 4(2), 421–433.

<http://doi.org/10.3390/socsci4020421>;

Greeson, M. R., & Campbell, R. (2015). Coordinated community efforts to respond to sexual assault: a national study of Sexual Assault Response Team implementation. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 30(14), 2470–2487.

<http://doi.org/10.1177/0886260514553119>;

Greeson, M. R., Campbell, R., Bybee, D., & Kennedy, A. C. (2016). Improving the community response to sexual assault: an empirical examination of the effectiveness of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs). *Psychology of Violence*, 6(2), 280–291. <http://doi.org/10.1037/a0039617>;

DePrince, A. P., Belknap, J., Labus, J. S., Buckingham, S. E., & Gover, A. R. (2012). The impact of victim-focused outreach on criminal legal system outcomes following police-reported intimate partner abuse. *Violence Against Women*, 18(8), 861–881.

<http://doi.org/10.1177/1077801212456523>; and

Family Justice Center Alliance. (2013). *Final evaluation results: Phase II California Family Justice Initiative statewide evaluation*. San Diego, CA: Alliance for HOPE International. Available at: https://issuu.com/familyjusticecenteralliance/docs/evaluation__outcomes_-_cfji_final_/1;

and Shepard, M. F., & Pence, E. L. (Eds.). (1999).

Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence: Lessons from Duluth and Beyond (Vol. 12). Sage Publications.

Malik, N. M., Ward, K., & Janczewski, C. (2008). Coordinated community response to family violence: The role of domestic violence service organizations. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 23, 933–955. doi:10.1177/0886260508315121.

more training opportunities available to professionals who work to serve victims and hold offenders accountable.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$215,000	0	0	0	\$255,000	0	0	0	\$255,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$255,000	\$255,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	45,000	45,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$300,000	\$300,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Improving State and Local Criminal Justice Systems, Indian Country, State and Local Law enforcement Support and Violent Crime.

B. Item Name: Research and Evaluation Violence Against Women (NIJ)

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 increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to reflect the importance of financing research to enhance the evidence base for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-funded strategies.

Justification

Because Congress has authorized funding for research on violence against women through VAWA and appropriations packages over the past 20 years, the Department of Justice has been able to finance hundreds of studies that have generated ample knowledge about the efficacy and impact of VAWA-funded strategies. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has funded research on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking since 1993, which “has undoubtedly improved the knowledge base on violence against women.”³ Its [Compendium of Research on Violence Against Women](#) includes abstracts from the studies NIJ has funded to generate knowledge about the scope and nature of these crimes, and to build evidence for effective ways of serving victims, enhancing the justice system’s response, and preventing further harm.

Impact on Performance

A \$1 million increase will enable NIJ to invest further in rigorous research on approaches to serving victims and holding offenders accountable.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>

³ Renzetti, C., Campbell, R. M., & Adair, A. (2014). VAWA @ 20: Building the knowledge base: Research funding through VAWA. *CUNY Law Review*, 18(43). Available at:

http://uknowledge.uky.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&context=sociology_facpub.

For more information on NIJ’s research on violence against women, including the history of funding, methodological challenges, and directions for future funding, see: Auchter, B., & Moore, A. (2013). Mounting and sustaining the Violence Against Women Research and Evaluation Program at the National Institute of Justice. *Violence Against Women*, 19(6), pp. 687-712. Available at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1077801213494702>.

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$2,500	\$2,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$3,500	\$3,500		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

C. 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 \$45,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$45.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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%).⁴ 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.⁵

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,⁶ 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.⁷

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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>.

⁷ 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 9 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 2024 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 \$45 million increase will strengthen the investment OVW can make in FY 2024 to help survivors achieve 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$43,000	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	45,000	45,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$95,000	\$95,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Indian Country

D. 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 \$11,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$11.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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% of youth between 14 and 17 years old were sexually assaulted or abused in that time.⁸ Furthermore, approximately one in 15 children are exposed each year to domestic violence.⁹ 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.¹⁰ Over two years, grantees under this program reported creating and launching over 100 public education and awareness campaigns.

Impact on Performance

⁸ 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>.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

OVW’s FY 2022 Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention Program funding opportunity was among that year’s most competitive—OVW could support only 23% of the applications it received. With an additional \$11 million to support services for youth victims and efforts to engage men and youth in prevention in FY 2024, OVW would be able to fund approximately twenty-two additional projects.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$15,000	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$17,000	\$17,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	11,000	11,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$28,000	\$28,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Indian Country

E. 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 \$ 19,500,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$19.5 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to support coordinated community responses to gender-based violence, with a focus on policing and prosecution of these crimes. Included in this increase request is an additional \$4.0 million set-aside over the FY 2023 Enacted level for a Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction Initiative.

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 \$80 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. Furthermore, the FY 2024 budget request for ICJR includes an \$8 million set-aside for a Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction Initiative—\$4 million over the FY 2023 Enacted amount—which will support jurisdictions’ efforts to prevent domestic violence-related murders.

Impact on Performance

Providing \$19.5 million over the FY 2023 Enacted 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 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	\$60,500	0	0	0	\$60,500

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$60,500	\$60,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	19,500	19,500		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$80,000	\$80,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Access to Justice, Elder Justice, Improving State and Local Criminal Justice Systems and State and Local Law Enforcement Support.

F. 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 \$1,500,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$1.5 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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.¹¹

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,¹² medical forensic exams performed by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs),¹³ transitional housing,¹⁴ and victim-centered prosecution¹⁵—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 \$1.5 million increase will allow for approximately two additional communities to implement strategies for combatting violence against women in rural communities. The estimated impact includes over 100 more

¹¹ 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>

¹² 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$48,000	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$51,500	\$51,500		

Affected Crosscuts: Indian Country and Improving State & Local Criminal Justice Systems, State and Local Law Enforcement Support and Violent Crime.

G. 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 \$ 40,000,000

Description of Item

OVW requests \$40.0 million over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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.¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ Victims who obtain civil legal services may suffer less subsequent physical violence and stalking and achieve more economic self-sufficiency.¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ 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 2022, only 40% of

¹⁶ 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>.

¹⁷ 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

¹⁸ 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>.

¹⁹ 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>.

LAV applications were funded. A \$40 million increase would enable OVW to support a greater 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 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	\$55,000	0	0	0	\$55,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$55,000	\$55,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	40,000	40,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$95,000	\$95,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Access to Justice and Indian Country

H. Item Name: Grants to Support Families in the Justice System

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 \$6,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$6.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to support approaches to improving civil and criminal justice systems' responses to violence against women. This request reflects the critical role of courts, court-related programs, and legal assistance in helping victims and their children escape violence and rebuild their lives.

Justification

Contrary to the widely held assumption that abuse ends when a victim leaves a violent partner, the risk of further violence and homicide is highest after the victim ends the relationship.²⁰ Victims and their children attempting to escape abuse may require help from the justice system and services from court-based and community programs more during the post-separation period than at any other time.

For that reason, the Grants to Support Families in the Justice System program (Justice for Families Program) improves how the civil and criminal justice systems respond to families with a history of domestic or sexual violence and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports specialized courts and dockets, civil legal assistance to help victims access the protections and relief they need when separating from an abuser, and supervised visitation and exchange programs that ensure families can safely comply with court orders regarding custody and visitation.

Research suggests that programming supported with Justice for Families funding is effective. Specialized domestic violence courts, which exist to enhance victim safety and offender accountability, may reduce reoffending,²¹ increase conviction rates,²² increase offender

²⁰ See, for example: Fleury R. E., Sullivan C., & Bybee D. (2000). When ending the relationship does not end the violence: women's experiences of violence by former partners. *Violence Against Women*, 6, 1363–1383; and Hardesty J. L. (2002). Separation assault in the context of postdivorce parenting: An integrative review of the literature. *Violence Against Women*, 8(5), 597–625.

²¹ Harrell, A., Schaffer, M., DeStefano, C., & Castro, J. (2006). *The evaluation of Milwaukee's judicial oversight demonstration, final research report* (NCJ 215349). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice; and Harrell, A., Castro, J., Newmark, L., & Visher, C. (2007). *Final report on the evaluation of the Judicial Oversight Demonstration: executive summary*. (NCJ 219386). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice. Available at: <http://www.urban.org/publications/411498.html>.

²² Davis, R., Smith, B., & Rabbitt, C. (2001). Increasing convictions in domestic violence cases: a field test in Milwaukee. (NCJ 188067). *Justice System Journal*, 22(1), 61-72; and Hartley, C., & Frohmann, L. (2003). *Cook County Target Abuser Call (TAC): an evaluation of a specialized domestic violence court*. (NCJ 202944) Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice.

compliance,²³ and result in victim satisfaction.²⁴ Civil legal assistance provided by attorneys funded through OVW grants increases the quality, quantity, and efficiency of legal services for low-income domestic violence victims.²⁵ Domestic violence victims who share child custody with an abuser may consider supervised visitation and safe exchange centers an especially helpful resource.²⁶

While court-based and court-related programs can make a difference on their own, the Justice for Families Program supports communities in making sure that *every* place where a victim might stop off—the courthouse, the shelter, the visitation center, the Legal Aid program—has the resources and training to help her navigate the long road to freedom from abuse. Justice for Families grantees serve over 4,500 victims and provide over 74,500 supervised visits every six months, and in a recent two-year period they trained over 10,000 people, most of whom were court personnel and victim advocates. As one grantee reported to OVW: “We no longer have to turn survivors away due to funding/resources. Furthermore, the funding enables staff to follow up with custodial parents and children to assess safety, risks, and needs. It also provides an opportunity for statewide organizing around issues that impact the lives of survivors and their children.”

Among all VAWA grant programs administered by OVW, Justice for Families is among the most competitive. Less than 25% of the applications submitted each year are funded, meaning that many communities that demonstrate the expertise and commitment to successfully implement a Justice for Families project do not receive a grant. Additional funding for this program would provide support to communities where the bench, the bar, and the wider community are striving to keep families safe from further harm but need help financing those efforts.

Impact on Performance

A \$6 million increase will allow for an additional five to 10 communities to implement strategies to help families affected by domestic violence navigate the court system and access services to stay safe during the period in which victims face the greatest risk of being murdered by their abusers.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$20,000	0	0	0	\$22,000	0	0	0	\$22,000

²³ Harrell, A., Schaffer, M., DeStefano, C., & Castro, J. (2006). *The evaluation of Milwaukee’s Judicial Oversight Demonstration*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice.

²⁴ Gover, A. R., Brank, E. M., & MacDonald, J. M. (2007). A specialized domestic violence court in South Carolina: An example of procedural justice for victims and defendants. *Violence Against Women, 13*(6), 603-626. DOI: 10.1177/1077801207301553.

²⁵ 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>.

²⁶ Shepard, M. F., & Hagemester, A. K. (2013). Perspectives of rural women: custody and visitation with abusive ex-partners. *Affilia, 28*(2), 165–176. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0886109913490469>

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$22,000	\$22,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	6,000	6,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$28,000	\$28,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Access to Justice.

I. Item Name: Campus Violence

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 \$15,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$15.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to strengthen colleges’ and universities’ responses to domestic and sexual violence and stalking. A portion of this increase is specifically for a \$7.5 million set-aside increase for grants to historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving institutions, and Tribal colleges, bringing the total FY 2024 set-aside amount requested to \$20.0 million.

Justification

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), young women between the ages of 18 and 24 suffer the highest rate of rape and sexual assault compared to women in other age groups.²⁷ The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) also reported that estimates vary, and—while there are no national prevalence figures—they all show that a substantial number of college students are sexually assaulted.²⁸ Moreover, some student populations are at a greater risk than their peers, and a BJS study found that a significant portion of sexual assaults on campus are perpetrated against first-year students during September and October,²⁹ meaning incoming freshmen are especially vulnerable at the time they are just starting out their college careers.

OVW’s Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program supports institutions of higher education in implementing comprehensive, coordinated responses to violent crimes on campus through partnerships with victim services providers and justice agencies. Grantees work collaboratively with local law enforcement and prosecutors, campus athletic programs, Greek life organizations, and off-campus victim services, as each plays a critical role in making campuses safer and more just.

Recent data reported by Campus grantees offer a glimpse into the impact of these investments:

- Over two years, Campus grantees reached nearly 250,000 incoming students through prevention education and convened nearly 1,400 training events that reached over 36,000 campus professionals, including faculty and campus police. These trainings ensure that

²⁷ Source: Sinozich, S., & Langton, L. (2014). *Rape and sexual assault victimization among college-age females, 1995–2013*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

²⁸ Fedina, L., Holmes, J. L., & Backes, B. (2016). How prevalent is campus sexual assault in the United States? *NIJ Journal*, 277, pp. 26-30. Available at <http://nij.gov/journals/277/pages/campus-sexual-assault.aspx>.

²⁹ Krebs, C., Lindquist, C., Berzofsky, M., Shook-Sa, B., Peterson, K., Planty, M., et al. (2016). Campus climate survey validation study. Final technical report. Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice. Available at: <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ccsvsfr.pdf>.

students, staff, and leaders in the wider community are equipped with tools for preventing sexual assault and responding effectively to victims.

- Campus grantees provide victim services, such as advocacy and counseling, to around 900 students every six months. These services help victims cope and heal so that the trauma of sexual assault does not prevent students from reaching their full academic potential and accomplishing their goals.

Furthermore, best practices for combatting sexual assault have emerged over two decades of Campus Program grant-making. For example, bystander intervention programs train students to identify and intervene in situations in which someone is at risk for being sexually assaulted. These programs—employed among Campus grantees—have been studied and found effective in changing behavior and reducing violence.³⁰

OVW’s FY 2024 request for a \$15.0 million increase for the Campus Program will also support the requested \$7.5 million set-aside increase (for a total FY 2024 set-aside request of \$20 million) for grants to historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving institutions, and Tribal colleges. These institutions play a critical role in expanding educational opportunities for diverse student populations and frequently impact the broader communities in which they reside, which may be urban or extremely rural. They often provide financial aid and lower tuition so that students who might not otherwise be able to afford college can earn their degrees. Alarming, nearly 15% of HBCU students surveyed reported experiencing an attempted or completed sexual assault before entering college and about 14% reported experiencing an attempted or completed sexual assault since entering college.³¹ These figures—considered alongside the fact that many HBCU students are the first in their families to attend a four-year institution³² and thus may need more financial, academic, and social supports to succeed in college than do their peers who are not first generation college students—indicate a need for greater investment in campus-based prevention and services to address sexual assault at HBCUs, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Tribal colleges.

Impact on Performance

A net funding increase of \$15 million for the Campus Program in FY 2024 will strengthen OVW’s ability to support campus-based approaches to preventing gender-based violence, supporting survivors, and training professionals on campus on how to respond to these crimes. The additional funding will ensure that OVW can make more grant awards, awards of longer duration, and/or larger awards, ensuring that grantees can meet the statutory minimum requirements of the program and that program successes can be sustained over time.

³⁰ See, for example: Coker, A. L., et al. (2017). RCT testing bystander effectiveness to reduce violence. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 52(5), 566–578. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2017.01.020>.

³¹ Krebs, C., Lindquist, C., & Barrick, K. (2010). *The Historically Black College and University Campus Sexual Assault (HBCU-CSA) study. Final report*. Prepared for The National Institute of Justice (NIJ Grant No. 2007-WG-BX-0021). Available at: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/233614.pdf>.

³² Brown, C., & Davis, J. E. (2001). The historically black college as social contract, social capital, and social equalizer. *Peabody Journal of Education*, 76(1), 31–49.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$22,000	0	0	0	\$25,000	0	0	0	\$25,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$25,000	\$25,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	15,000	15,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$40,000	\$40,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Civil Rights, Indian Country and Violent Crime.

J. Item Name: Disabilities 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 \$5,500,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$5.5 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level 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.

Justification

People with disabilities are at a greater risk for abuse—and face greater barriers to accessing help and justice—than do people without disabilities. The CDC estimates that 26% of the U.S. population has some type of disability,³³ and the rate of violent victimization against people with disabilities is at least 2.5 times the rate for people without disabilities.³⁴ People with intellectual disabilities are sexually assaulted at a rate seven times higher than that of people without disabilities, according to an analysis of Justice Department data.³⁵

Deaf individuals also face barriers to accessing safety and justice. Census data reportedly show that about 3.6% of the U.S. population consider themselves deaf,³⁶ and approximately 15% of U.S. adults report some trouble hearing.³⁷ Little is known about the rates at which Deaf individuals suffer domestic and sexual violence, although preliminary research indicates the rate is higher in the Deaf community than it is among hearing people.³⁸

Given the disproportionate rate at which people with disabilities and Deaf individuals suffer abuse, and the challenges they often face when seeking assistance, the Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program finances collaborative approaches that strengthen organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to people with disabilities and Deaf individuals. Accessible services for victims with

³³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Disability and Health Data System (DHDS). Available at: <http://dhds.cdc.gov>.

³⁴ Harrell, E. (2017, July). *Crime against persons with disabilities, 2009-2015*. (NCJ 250632). Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice. Available at: <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/capd0915st.pdf>.

³⁵ Shapiro, J. (Host). (January 8, 2018). The Sexual Assault Epidemic No One Talks About. [Radio broadcast episode]. <https://www.npr.org/2018/01/08/570224090/the-sexual-assault-epidemic-no-one-talks-about>.

³⁶ Multiple secondary sources cite the 2011 American Community Survey, but I have not been able to locate the original source yet.

³⁷ Blackwell, D.L., Lucas J.W., & Clarke T.C.. *Summary health statistics for U.S. adults: National Health Interview Survey, 2012*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Available at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_260.pdf.

³⁸ For a discussion, see: Smith, N., & Hope, C. (2015). *Culture, language, and access: key considerations for serving Deaf survivors of domestic and sexual violence*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice. Available at: <https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/serving-deaf-survivors-domestic-sexual-violence.pdf>.

disabilities and Deaf victims like those funded through OVW’s Disabilities Program can help address these survivors’ unique safety needs.³⁹

Impact on Performance

OVW is requesting a \$5.5 million increase for this program in FY 2024 to ensure these grants, which establish lasting improvements in how organizations collaborate to meet the needs of victims with disabilities, will be available for longer durations and/or to more communities compared to FY 2023.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$7,500	0	0	0	\$12,000	0	0	0	\$12,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$12,000	\$12,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	5,500	5,500		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$17,500	\$17,500		

Affected Crosscuts: Indian Country.

³⁹ See, for example: Lund, E. M. (2011). Community-based services and interventions for adults with disabilities who have experienced interpersonal violence: A review of the literature. *Trauma, Violence & Abuse, 12*(4), 171–182. <http://doi.org/10.1177/1524838011416377>.

K. Item Name: National Deaf Services Line

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 2023 Enacted Budget level of \$2 million to further develop a National Deaf Services Line after its upcoming launch in FY 2023, and to maintain it for an estimated three years before additional funding would be required for this critically needed service.

Justification

Preliminary research indicates the rate of domestic and sexual violence is higher in the Deaf community than it is among hearing people.⁴⁰ Services specifically for Deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, however, are limited: only 21 “for Deaf, by Deaf” victims service programs exist nationwide. The result is that most Deaf victims must rely on mainstream services providers for assistance, which may not be well-versed in Deaf culture, do not provide appropriate accommodations, and have little experience accessing and working with American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters. Service provision may be compromised, and victims cannot access the broad range of services and supports that survivors need for safety and healing, including crisis counseling, information and referrals, emergency shelter, long-term counseling, and legal and medical advocacy. To address these unmet needs, OVW completed a planning process for a national Deaf services line, which will expand the reach of victim services to Deaf survivors by providing these services virtually, as has been done successfully in other fields such as telemedicine. 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. Thus, OVW anticipates that the nationwide “for Deaf, by Deaf” virtual victim services program will incorporate additional elements such as testing strategies to expand in-person services. The \$2 million OVW received in FY 2023 will support the initial establishment of the National Deaf Services line to begin fulfilling this need, but an additional \$6 million is requested in FY 2024 to complete its launch and ensure its maintenance over a span of several years.

Impact on Performance

OVW anticipates that \$6 million in FY 2024 will enable OVW to maintain for an estimated three years the national Deaf services line for which OVW received \$2 million to launch in FY 2023.

⁴⁰ For a discussion, see: Smith, N., & Hope, C. (2015). *Culture, language, and access: key considerations for serving Deaf survivors of domestic and sexual Violence*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice. Available at: <https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/serving-deaf-survivors-domestic-sexual-violence.pdf>.

This program will provide virtual services to Deaf victims of all four VAWA crimes, supply technical assistance to victim service providers working with Deaf victims, and pilot strategies to expand “for Deaf, by Deaf” in-person services.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$2,000	0	0	0	\$2,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$2,000	\$2,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$6,000	\$6,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Civil Rights

L. Item Name: **Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women in Later Life**

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 increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to support strategies for responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This request reflects the critical roles that specialized training for criminal justice professionals, cross-training for professionals who work with older adults, and services for victims have in a coordinated community response to abuse in later life.

Justification

Abuse of the elderly is prevalent, with research estimating that one in ten older adults who live in their homes suffer elder abuse each year.⁴¹ However, that figure is most likely an underestimation of the scope of abuse, neglect, and exploitation against this population, given that many cases of elder abuse are not reported or detected.⁴² Furthermore, responses may be inadequate: historically, neither the victim services field nor the adult protective services field have sufficiently met the needs of older victims.⁴³ To address the problem, the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program) funds comprehensive, coordinated strategies for addressing elder abuse. Research has found that such approaches—which involve collaboration across advocacy, social services, healthcare, and justice sectors, and with faith communities—enhance the response to elder abuse.⁴⁴

Effective training is the cornerstone of the Abuse in Later Life Program. Training equips professionals with the knowledge and skills they need to handle these inherently challenging cases and assist victims who may have suffered abuse for decades, may have cognitive impairments, may be socially isolated, or may be dependent on their abusers for care and financial support.

⁴¹ Acierno, R., Hernandez, M. A., Amstadter, A. B., Resnick, H. S., Steve, K., Muzzy, W., & Kilpatrick, D. G. (2010). Prevalence and correlates of emotional, physical, sexual, and financial abuse and potential neglect in the United States: The National Elder Mistreatment Study. *American Journal of Public Health, 100*(2), 292-297.

⁴² Acierno, et. al., (2010). See also: Connolly, M., Brandl, B., & Breckman, R. (2013). The elder justice roadmap: a stakeholder initiative to respond to an emerging health, justice, financial and social crisis. Available at: <https://www.justice.gov/file/852856/download>.

⁴³ Crockett, C., Brandl, B., & Dabby F. C. (2015). Survivors in the margins: the invisibility of violence against older women. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect, 27*(4–5), 291–302. <http://doi.org/10.1080/08946566.2015.1090361>; and Cramer, E. P., & Brady, S. R. (2013). Competing values in serving older and vulnerable adults: Adult protective services, mandated reporting, and domestic violence programs. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect, 25*(5), 453–468. <http://doi.org/10.1080/08946566.2013.782781>

⁴⁴ James, K., Dickinson, R., & Struthers, A. (2015). Older women fleeing violence and abuse in Canada: bringing together separate spheres of practice. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect, 27*(4–5), 454–469. <http://doi.org/10.1080/08946566.2015.1082528>.

The Abuse in Later Life Program has a strong record of enhancing communities’ capacity to combat elder abuse. In a recent two-year period, the program’s grantees convened nearly 200 training events that reached more than 6,000 people, most of whom were law enforcement officers, staff of elder services agencies, and staff of victim services organizations. As one grantee reported, “these funds have provided us with opportunities to educate law enforcement, prosecutors, and members of the judicial system who play a role in stopping abuse in later life. This opportunity and these funds have created positive change simply by bringing people together.” Furthermore, during a recent six-month period, Abuse in Later Life grantees provided over 900 victims ages 50 and older with advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling, and other services.

Impact on Performance

A \$1 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted level would allow for one or two additional communities to receive and replicate training on elder abuse, provide services specifically designed for older victims, and strengthen partnerships to better address crimes against the elderly.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$7,500	0	0	0	\$9,000	0	0	0	\$9,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$9,000	\$9,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$10,000	\$10,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Improving State and Local Criminal Justice Systems.

M. 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 \$21,500,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$21.5 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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,⁴⁵ the devastating, long-term impact sexual assault can have on victims' health and well-being,⁴⁶ 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 2024 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.

⁴⁵ 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.

⁴⁶ See for example the studies compiled in http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/technical_reports/2009/RAND_TR617.pdf.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$54,000	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$78,500	\$78,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	21,500	21,500		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$100,000	\$100,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Indian Country

N. Item Name: **National Resource Center on Workplace Responses**

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 \$500,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$500,000 increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to support the National Resource Center on Workplace Responses (Resource Center), including the expansion of this project to address sexual harassment.

Description of Item

VAWA 2022 clarified that Resource Center activities should address sexual harassment to list of topics to be covered by the Resource Center. This is an important nexus, and the Resource Center often receives requests for training and materials on sexual harassment. The audience for this information is significant – even more so because VAWA 2022 added victim service providers and employers with fewer than 20 employees – to the list of organizations for whom resources should be developed. It also specified that live training materials should be available for employers with fewer than 20 employees. All types of employers can benefit from materials, tools, and training on domestic and sexual violence and sexual harassment, but victim service providers and small employers have their own structural challenges, such as maintaining confidentiality in a small organization or providing opportunities for safety despite a small budget.

Finally, VAWA 2022 added a Pathways to Opportunity pilot project, which would enhance the capacity of survivors to obtain and maintain employment. It would build collaborations between and among victim service providers, workforce development programs, and educational and vocational institutions to provide trauma-informed programming to support survivors seeking employment. The pilot project would be centered around culturally specific organizations or organizations that primarily serve populations traditionally marginalized in the workplace.

Impact on Performance

Providing a total of \$1.5 million for the Resource Center will ensure it adequately addresses sexual harassment, allow it to reach more employers (including victim service providers, microbusinesses, and federal agencies), and establish the Pathways to Opportunity pilot to help survivors find and keep jobs.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt / Atty	FT E	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FT E	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	500	500		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$1,500	\$1,500		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

O. 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 \$4,000,000

Description of Item

OVW requests a \$4.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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. Both of 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 Budget, OVW anticipates that this additional \$4.0 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$5,500	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$11,000	\$11,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$15,000	\$15,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

P. 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 \$7,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$7.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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 establishes 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% 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.⁴⁷ An estimated 30-50% or more of transgender people suffer intimate partner violence at some point in their lifetime compared to 28-33% of the general population.⁴⁸ Only an estimated 1 in 5 LGBT victims of intimate partner violence or sexual assault seek help from a victim services provider.⁴⁹

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.⁵⁰ 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.⁵¹

⁴⁷ 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>.

⁴⁸ 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>.

⁴⁹ 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_LGBToreport_press.pdf.

⁵⁰ 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/; 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>.

⁵¹ 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>.

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-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 2024 request would strengthen OVW’s ability to reach LGBT survivors with services designed by and for these communities.

Impact on Performance

Providing OVW with \$8 million FY 2024 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	7,000	7,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$8,000	\$8,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Civil Rights and Violent Crime

Q. 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 \$24,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$24.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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.⁵² 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.⁵³ Offender treatment may also be more effective when it is culturally relevant.⁵⁴ 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.

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, 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% 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’s FY 2024 request includes an additional \$24 million over the FY 2023 Enacted amount to

⁵² 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>.

⁵³ 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.

⁵⁴ 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.

further enhance OVW’s ability to finance services that are accessible and responsive to survivors from many different cultural backgrounds. OVW anticipates using the additional funding to support a greater number of awards and higher award amounts to bolster and extend the duration of this critical victim services programming.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$10,000	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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$11,000	\$11,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$24,000	\$24,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$35,000	\$35,000		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

R. Item Name: Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building 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 2023 Enacted Budget level to provide training and technical assistance to community-based organizations to enhance their capacity to receive and administer federal grants to serve victims from culturally specific, underserved, and other marginalized populations.

Justification

The Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program would provide capacity building support for community-based organizations (culturally specific, underserved, and other programs serving marginalized populations) to receive training and technical assistance necessary to apply for and successfully implement federal grant awards. Existing OVW programs provide training and technical assistance to support service provision capacity but do not address the often confusing world of federal regulations and record-keeping requirements for organizations accustomed to receiving private donations and support from local religious institutions. This program would enable OVW to provide hands-on support to individual organizations and thereby reduce potential audit findings and promote organizational capacity to apply for and receive other federal and state grant funds. It would also have the long-term impact of sustaining the longevity of these organizations and their continued ability to provide much needed culturally specific services.

Impact on Performance

With training and technical assistance funded by this initiative, OVW's CSSP, SASP Culturally Specific, and Underserved Populations grantees, as well as other community-based organizations, will have enhanced capacity to apply for grants, administer grant funds, avoid audit findings, and provide ongoing services to their communities. OVW has requested additional funding in FY 2024 to support culturally specific grant-making and grants targeted to underserved communities, so the \$5.0 million increase requested for capacity-building in FY 2024 will ensure critical technical assistance can support a larger pool of grantees and potential grantees.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non- Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	\$5,000		

Affected Crosscuts: Civil Rights

S. Item Name: Underserved Populations

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

Description of Item

OVW is requesting a \$5.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level. The \$10.0 million total direct appropriation, in addition to set-aside funds, will support projects to develop and implement outreach strategies and enhanced services for adult and youth victims of domestic and sexual violence in underserved populations.

Justification

Although domestic and sexual violence affects all communities, historically marginalized and underserved populations can suffer disproportionately high rates of violence and face unique challenges and barriers to safety and justice when they are victimized. Access to resources, religious beliefs, cultural practices, race or ethnicity, gender identity or expression, sexuality, age, language, immigration status, geographic location, and economic opportunity are all factors that can affect how a victim perceives, manages, and resists violence.⁵⁵ Further, race and gender bias in the justice system, coupled with a lack of training and clear policies for mitigating those biases, adversely affects women victims, LGBT victims, and victims of color when they report crimes to law enforcement.⁵⁶

In addition to racial and ethnic minorities, other historically underserved and vulnerable populations—such as immigrants and refugees; people with disabilities; elderly persons; children and youth; people living in rural areas; and LGBTQ people—face unique challenges and barriers to accessing criminal justice, receiving services, and obtaining social and economic supports.

In response, Congress authorized VAWA funding to assist historically underserved victims with the unique challenges they face when seeking to become and remain free from violence. OVW’s

⁵⁵ Bridges, A. J., Karlsson, M. E., Jackson, J. C., Andrews, A. R., III, & Villalobos, B. T. (2018). Barriers to and Methods of Help Seeking for Domestic Violence Victimization: A Comparison of Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Women Residing in the United States. *Violence Against Women*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801218754409>; Cho, H. (2012). Racial Differences in the Prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women and Associated Factors. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 27(2), 344-363; Cho, H., Shamrova, D., Han, J.B., & Levchenko, P. (2017). Patterns of Intimate Partner Violence Victimization and Survivors’ Help-Seeking. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*; Cheng, T. C., & Lo, C. C. (2015). Racial Disparities in Intimate Partner Violence and in Seeking Help With Mental Health. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 30(18), 3283-3307; O’Neal, E. N., & Beckman, L. O. (2016). Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender: Reframing Knowledge Surrounding Barriers to Social Services Among Latina Intimate Partner Violence Victims. *Violence Against Women*, 23(5), 643- 665; Weng, S. S. (2016). Asset Mapping for an Asian American Community: Informal and Formal Resources for Community Building. *Psychosocial Intervention*, 25(1), 55-62.

⁵⁶ U.S. Department of Justice. (2016). Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Retrieved from www.justice.gov/ovw/identifying-and-preventing-gender-bias

Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations (Underserved) Program funds the development and implementation of outreach strategies targeted at victims from underserved populations and services designed to meet their needs. Since the program was expanded and funded by statutory set-asides in VAWA 2013, OVW has primarily directed Underserved Program funding to underserved populations that cannot access funding from OVW’s culturally specific program. In particular, the program has supported community-based organizations serving LGBT victims, religious minorities, and Deaf survivors. VAWA 2013 also authorized a direct appropriation for this program, and Congress first appropriated these supplemental direct funds in FY 2023.

Impact on Performance

A \$10.0 million direct appropriation to the Underserved Program would supplement the statutory set-asides for this program, which totaled approximately \$6.3 million in FY 2023. This funding would enable OVW to make approximately four additional awards in FY 2024.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$5,000	0	0	0	\$5,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	\$5,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$10,000	\$10,000		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

T. Item Name: Financial Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Domestic Violence (Financial Assistance 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 \$4,000,000

Description of Item

OVW is requesting an additional \$4.0 million to support financial assistance for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, to offset costs incurred as a result of their victimization and assist them in pursuing safety and stability as they recover.

Justification

Research shows that when victims attempt to escape violent relationships, they may suffer negative consequences such as limited access to financial resources, escalating violence, and residential instability.⁵⁷ A recent study of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on victims of domestic violence found that victims' housing and economic stability declined in 2020, but "stimulus and cash assistance programs were literally lifesaving" and domestic violence programs were "a vital lifeline."⁵⁸ More broadly, a new analysis of Census Bureau data found that the "largest declines in measures of hardship [including food shortages, financial instability, and frequent anxiety and depression] coincided with the \$600 checks that reached most people in January [of 2021] and the \$1,400 checks mostly distributed in April" as part of the COVID-19 Relief Act and the American Rescue Plan Act.⁵⁹

Recognizing that financial assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence has yielded promising results, OVW requests additional funding to provide this type of assistance alongside other victim services. Offering survivors direct financial support they can use to address their needs also recognizes that survivors are in a better position than anyone else to make decisions about their own safety and recovery. Recent examples of successful cash assistance programs for domestic violence victims include:

⁵⁷ See, for example: Thomas, K. A., Goodman, L., & Putnins, S. (2015). "I have lost everything": Trade-offs of seeking safety from intimate partner violence. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 85(2), 170-180. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25580522/>.

⁵⁸ Wood, L., Baumler, E., Guillot-Wright, S., Torres, E., Hairston, D., McGiffert, M., & Temple, J. R. (2021). *Harris County Health and Relationship Study*. Retrieved from: https://www.hcdvcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/ExecutiveSummary_HCHR_March21-1.pdf.

⁵⁹ Cooney, P., & Shaefer, H. L. (2021, May). Mental Hardship and Mental Health Following the COVID-19 Relief Bill and American Rescue Plan Act. Available at: <http://sites.fordschool.umich.edu/poverty2021/files/2021/05/PovertySolutions-Hardship-After-COVID-19-Relief-Bill-PolicyBrief-r1.pdf>; as reported by: Parle, J. (2021, June 1). Stimulus checks substantially reduced hardship, study shows. *New York Times*. Available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/02/us/politics/stimulus-checks-economic-hardship.html>.

- A program in Washington, D.C., which found that many survivors can achieve safe and stable housing relatively quickly if provided with immediate, flexible assistance. A longitudinal evaluation “found that [this] brief, relatively inexpensive intervention may increase housing stability—94% of clients were housed six months after funding was received.”⁶⁰
- Flexible cash assistance is a feature of a privately funded, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence-led Housing First program for domestic violence survivors. Three years after program participation, “88% of survivors supported with mobile advocacy and flexible financial assistance had obtained and retained stable housing. Ninety-six percent of participants who received services for at least 18 months retained permanent housing.”⁶¹
- A similar DV Housing First model was implemented and evaluated in California. Rental, move-in, and transportation costs accounted for the largest percentage of payments. About half of the survivors used the funds to stay in their own home and avoid undesired moves or homelessness.⁶²

Other research indicates that, for some domestic violence victims, flexible funding 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.⁶³

OVW will include appropriate controls on the transfer and use of funds, and assess whether it meets program goals. The recipients under this program are subject to the same regulatory requirements and award conditions that apply to other recipients of federal financial assistance from the OVW, including submitting quarterly reports, signing grant assurance documents, and complying with 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Additionally, OVW will require grant recipients to implement appropriate screening measures that ensure that beneficiaries of the program are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, are otherwise eligible for the assistance, and that the victimization has triggered the need.

⁶⁰ Sullivan, C. M., Bomsta, H. D., & HacsKaylo, M. A. (2016). Evidence that flexible funding is a promising strategy to prevent homelessness for survivors of intimate partner violence: a longitudinal pilot study. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 34*(14), pp. 3017-3033. doi:10.1177/088626051666431

⁶¹ Mbilinyi L. (2015). *The Washington State Domestic Violence Housing First program: Cohort 2 final evaluation report*. Seattle, WA: Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. http://wscadv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/DVHF_FinalEvaluation.pdf; and <https://wscadv.org/resources/flexible-financial-assistance-frequently-asked-questions/>.

⁶² Lopez-Zerón, G., Clements, K., Sullivan, C. (2019). *Examining the impact of the Domestic Violence Housing First model in California: A multipronged evaluation*. San Francisco, CA: Blue Shield of California Foundation. https://wscadv.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DVHFCFA-2019_Statewide-Evaluation_final.pdf. See also: https://www.cpedv.org/sites/main/files/dvhf_california_jan2020_infographic.pdf.

⁶³ Bomsta, H., & Sullivan, C. M. (2018). IPV survivors’ perceptions of how a flexible funding housing intervention impacted their children. *Journal of Family Violence, 33*(6), 371-380. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-018-9972-5>; Klein, L. B., Chesworth, B. R., Howland-Myers, J. R., Rizo, C. F., & Macy, R. J. (2019). Housing interventions for intimate partner violence survivors: A systematic review. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838019836284>; and Sullivan, C. M., Bomsta, H. D., & HacsKaylo, M. A. (2019). Flexible funding as a promising strategy to prevent homelessness for survivors of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 34*(14), 3017-3033. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0886260516664318>.

Impact on Performance

OVW received its first ever funding for this programming in FY 2023 and is currently formulating a plan for issuing its first awards to provide financial assistance for survivors. Targeted outcomes and means of gauging the impact of these investments are, therefore, currently being developed. OVW intends to fund an evaluation of its financial assistance programming and anticipates the evaluation will elucidate impacts.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	\$(000)
0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$4,000	0	0	0	\$4,000

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$4,000	\$4,000	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$8,000	\$8,000		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

U. 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 over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level 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.⁶⁴ 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 assault⁶⁵ 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 (OVW Fiscal Year 2021 National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse). 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 bill⁶⁶ 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

⁶⁴ Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Jails Reported by Inmates, 2011-2012* (2013).

⁶⁵ 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.

⁶⁶ 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 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	3,000	3,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$3,000	\$3,000		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

V. 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 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.⁶⁷

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.⁶⁸

Impact on Performance

⁶⁷ 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>.

⁶⁸ 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.

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 the quality and availability of post-sexual assault medical forensic care. With this \$20.0 million, OVW anticipates awarding between 10 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 Budget included \$5.0 million for Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program Grants and the FY 2024 request includes \$4.0 million from within the Bureau of Justice Assistance DNA Programs and is administered by the Office of Justice Programs.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$20,000	\$20,000		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

W. 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 a \$10.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level to reflect the need 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.⁶⁹ In April of 2021, the Bureau of Justice Statistics published the results of a targeted national survey that found that 67% of victims of stalking with technology received unwanted phone calls, voice messages, or text messages, while 50% received unwanted emails or messages via the internet.⁷⁰

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.

Impact on Performance

⁶⁹ 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.

⁷⁰ Truman, J. and Morgan, R. (2021, April). *Stalking Victimization, 2016*. Retrieved from <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/sv16.pdf>.

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.⁷¹ 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 Budget, 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$10,000	\$10,000		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

⁷¹ 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>.

X. 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 a \$4.0 million increase over the FY 2023 Enacted Budget level 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 FY 2024 request includes \$4.0 million 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 Budget, 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted Budget				FY 2024 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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$4,000	\$4,000		

Affected Crosscuts: N/A

Y. 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 32 Agt/Atty 2 FTE 16 Dollars 2,256,000

Description of Item

OVW requests 32 Full Time Positions (16 FTEs) for FY 2024. The 32 positions are comprised of **18** Grants Program Specialists (two of which would be dedicated to the Tribal Affairs Division), **two** Financial Analysts, **one** Audit Liaison, **one** Associate Director, **two** Policy/Communications/Evaluation positions, **two** Administrative positions, **two** Budget/Finance positions, **two** assistants/analysts, and **two** Attorney Advisors.

This increase in staffing is needed to provide sufficient staffing to manage the large 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 administrative, budget, legal and communications 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 to Congressional directives, respond quickly to grantees, and effectively manage taxpayer dollars, we urgently need additional staff.

Justification

OVW is currently allotted 133 positions and 133 FTEs in FY 2023. OVW requests 26 new positions and 16 FTEs for a total of 165 positions/149 FTEs in FY 2024. As described below, OVW requests this significant 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 our 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 **22 new positions** across its Grants Development and Management Division: **18 Grant Program Specialists, 2 Financial Analysts, 1 Audit Liaison, and 1 Associate Director.**

The Grants Development and Management Division will require more staff in multiple divisions in response to the increased grantmaking anticipated in this budget request, to improve customer service, and to administer programs newly appropriated in FY 2023. The complex new programs plus the funding increase may again lead to some Program Specialists managing 100 or more grants. 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 requires 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 our programs impose intricate statutory certification requirements. Many of our 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, we view grant making as an important tool for social change needed to end violence against women. To this end, our Program Specialists have substantive expertise and are an important resource for our 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 FY2023 enacted budget and the FY 2024 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 our 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.

We 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 2024.

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. We receive, however, significant complaints about the slow speed budget clearances and require four more Financial Analysts to significantly improve the timeliness of clearances. The additional Financial Analysts also will allow OVW to conduct additional financial monitoring.

Finally, the increased number of grants will necessitate an additional Audit Liaison, as more awards invariably result in more audit activity.

2. Tribal Affairs Division

As described above, the anticipated increase in available grants and grant programs necessitates additional Program Specialists. OVW will require **two additional Program Specialists dedicated to the Tribal Affairs Division** to manage grants to tribal governments, the special tribal criminal jurisdiction grant program and tribal reimbursement program, the tribal coalitions program, and the tribal sexual assault services program. Tribal grantees can require additional time and support, as well as staff who have expertise in working with tribes, and OVW has found these positions to be particularly crucial. Staff also help run the Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, the Intertribal Technical Assistance Working Group on Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction, the Alaska Tribal Governments Grant Project Implementation Workshop, and many other crucial initiatives.

3. Policy, Communication, and Evaluation Division (PCE)

OVW requests **2 positions for the Policy, Communication and Evaluation Division (PCE)**. The PCE Division was launched in FY 2022 and requires two additional FTEs 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 an additional evaluation specialist and an outreach specialist.

4. Administration Division

OVW requests **2 Administrative Specialists** to support ongoing work in addition to the increased staffing that will be needed due to the increased budget so that OVW will be able to continue to fulfill its mission and purpose. These two positions will support office/hybrid work coordination, IT coordination to handling ongoing JustGrants technical issues, and additional HR staffing to address succession planning and staffing challenges to ensure OVW compliance with best-in-class accountability and functionality.

5. Budget and Finance Division

OVW will need at least **1 additional Budget Analyst and 1 additional Financial Management Specialist** to keep up with the added demands of supporting an agency with an increased budget and to support new grant programs. The Budget & Financial Management Division (BFMD) is

responsible for all commitments, obligations, payment approvals, as well as, budget formulation, budget execution and reporting. The BFMD staff continue to be overwhelmed with various daily and monthly tasks, data calls, providing assistance to program staff and meeting numerous budget related deadlines set by JMD and OMB. The additional positions would scale the budget department to the level needed to address the increased funding received, as well as improving OVW's ability to proactively address budget development and internal financial management.

6. Office of the Director and Office of the Principal Deputy Director

OVW seeks **2 positions to ensure full functioning of the office**. OVW has rarely had career support for its senior leadership positions, which leads to significant challenges, particularly during transitions. OVW has twice had career chiefs of staff, most recently from 2012-2019, and this position led strategic planning, coordinated work across the office, handled special initiatives, and helped ensure smooth functioning across Administrations. OVW has long sought a career executive assistant to support the Director and Principal Deputy Director and was in the process of hiring one in late 2016 when hiring freezes went into effect. Relying on contractors to provide this type of assistance makes it very difficult for both career and political leadership to get anything done and reduces OVW's responsiveness to DOJ leadership, Congress, staff, and the wider field. OVW requires someone with solid analytical and writing skills to support leadership year to year.

7. The Legal Counsel Division

OVW requests **2 Attorneys** for its Legal Counsel Division. At present, the Division operates with one General Counsel, two full-time attorney advisors, and two part-time attorney advisors. One approved new FTE is being filled, and the Division anticipates bringing two more attorneys on board for a full complement of eight.

In the past two fiscal years, OVW's appropriation levels have undergone unprecedented growth, rising from \$513.5 million in FY 2021 to \$575 million in FY 2022 to \$700 million in FY 2023, with an FY 2024 request for \$1 billion. And, this increased funding has not been solely directed to existing programming. Rather, the FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations acts included many new grant programs and initiatives, reflecting Administration priorities and new programs authorized by Congress in the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022). In addition to authorizing new grant programs, VAWA 2022 included other mandates to the Department (such as rulemaking and Reports to Congress) and changes to existing implemented OVW programs that must be implemented. At that the same time, after years of stagnation, OVW's Grants Development and Management Division has hired numerous new program specialists and continues to build its capacity to implement these new programs and initiatives. In contrast, the Legal Division has not hired a new attorney since FY 2020.

OVW requests two additional attorney positions to ensure that the Legal Division's staffing keeps pace with the overall growth of the Office and has the bandwidth to fully implement VAWA 2022. As the OVW administers more programs, more attorneys are needed to guide staff regarding statutory requirements and review solicitations, award conditions, and cooperative agreements. More grantees generate more legal questions, more compliance issues, and more audits. Meanwhile, additional staff place greater burdens on the Legal Division's ethics program, which is currently managed solely by the General Counsel, to provide ethics advice and training. Finally, new attorney hiring is needed to ensure that the Legal Team has the necessary in-house expertise to support the Office's broader policy work on gender-based violence.

Funding

Base Funding

FY 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 Enacted				FY 2024 Current Services			
Pos	Agt/Att y	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Att y	FTE	\$(000)	Pos	Agt/Att y	FTE	\$(000)
133	6	662	\$30,942	133	6	133	\$35,062	133	6	133	\$36,255

Personnel Increase Cost Summary

Type of Position/Series	Positions Requested	Annual Costs per Position* (\$000)			FY 2024 Request (\$000)	Annualizations (\$000)	
		1st Year Adjusted Cost	2nd Year Adjusted Cost	3rd Year Full Cost (Modular)		FY 2025 (net change from 2024)	FY 2026 (net change from 2025)
Clerical and Office Svcs (0300-0399)	6	438	874	965	438	436	90
Accounting and Budget (0500-0599)	5	365	729	804	365	364	75
Attorney (905)	2	202	389	429	202	187	40
Business & Industry (1100-1199)	1	117	225	247	117	108	23
Business & Industry (1100-1199)	18	1,134	2,263	2,499	1,134	1,129	236
Total Personnel	32	2,256	4,480	4,944	2,256	2,224	464

* Annual Costs per Position:

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2023 Net Annualization (change from 2022) (\$000)	FY 2024 Net Annualization (change from 2023) (\$000)
Current Services	133	6	133	36,255	\$0	\$36,255	0	0
Increase	32	2	16	\$2,256	\$0	\$2,256	\$ 2,224	\$ 464
Grand Total	165	8	149	38,511	0	\$38,511	\$2,224	\$464

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 a \$1.5 decrease from the FY 2023 Enacted Budget 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 institution and its 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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 President's Budget				FY 2024 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 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$1,500	\$1,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	-1,500	-1,500		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0		

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 million decrease from FY 2023 Enacted Budget level of \$2.5 million, for a total of \$1.5 million in FY 2024, for the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act (RSCCA) appropriation, which commensurate with funding for this item from FY 2016 through FY 2022.

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 2022, only four states applied for enhancements and only three qualified. At this juncture, OVW has concluded that more funding will not encourage more states to enact conforming legislation: for the most part, interested states have already received the maximum number of enhancements and existing funding is sufficient to meet requests for enhancements from states that may still receive them.

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 2022 Enacted				FY 2023 President's Budget				FY 2024 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	\$2,500	0	0	0	\$2,500

Total Request for this Item

	Pos	Agt/ Atty	FTE	Personnel (\$000)	Non-Personnel (\$000)	Total (\$000)	FY 2025 Net Annualization (change from 2024) (\$000)	FY 2026 Net Annualization (change from 2025) (\$000)
Current Services	0	0	0	0	\$2,500	\$2,500	N/A	N/A
Increase	0	0	0	0	-1,000	-1,000		
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	\$1,500	\$1,500		