



**U.S. Department of Justice
FY 2024 Budget Request**

**Protecting Civil Rights
(Amounts in \$000s)**

Component / Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
FEDERAL PROGRAMS			
Access to Justice (ATJ)			
Expanding Language Access	2	0	\$750
Strengthening Public Defender Systems and Right to Counsel	5	4	599
Leading the Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable	2	1	199
Subtotal, ATJ	9	5	\$1,548
Body Worn Cameras (BWC)			
Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)	70	11	\$37,847
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	0	0	2,784
United States Marshals Service (USMS)	107	71	48,565
Subtotal, BWC	177	82	\$89,196
Civil Rights Division (CRT)			
Federal Response to Hate Crimes & Incidents	87	56	\$13,222
Combatting Bias in Algorithmic Decision-Making	39	25	6,615
Subtotal, CRT	126	81	\$19,837
Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)			
Timber and Wildlife Trafficking Initiative	8	4	\$788
Subtotal, ENRD	8	4	\$788
Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)			
Legal Access Initiatives	17	6	\$150,000
Subtotal, EOIR	17	6	\$150,000
Office of the Pardon Attorney (PARDON)			
Critical Clemency Programs	59	36	\$10,375
Pardon Fellow	1	1	130
Subtotal, PARDON	60	37	\$10,505
Subtotal, Federal Programs	397	215	\$271,874
GRANTS			
Office of Justice Programs (OJP)			
Accelerating Justice System Reform	0	0	\$300,000
Part B: Formula Grants	0	0	157,000
Bureau of Justice Statistics	0	0	78,000
National Institute of Justice	0	0	63,000
Alternatives to Youth Incarceration	0	0	50,000
Training on Racial Profiling and De-escalation	0	0	20,000
Girls in the Justice System	0	0	20,000
Jabara-Heyer No Hate Act	0	0	15,000

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Eliminating Records-Related Barriers to Youth Success	0	0	15,000
Public Defender Improvement Program	0	0	12,000
Youth and Family Engagement Training and Technical Assistance	0	0	6,000
Tribal Access Program	0	0	5,000
Capacity Building Center	0	0	5,000
Youth-Focused Hate Crime Prevention and Intervention	0	0	5,000
Child-Friendly Family Visitation Centers in Correctional Facilities	0	0	2,000
Subtotal, OJP	0	0	\$753,000
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)			
Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP)	0	0	\$300,000
Campus Violence	0	0	40,000
Consolidated Youth Program	0	0	28,000
Grants to Support Families in the Justice System	0	0	28,000
Disabilities Program	0	0	17,500
Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Program	0	0	15,000
Elder Program	0	0	10,000
National Deaf Services Program	0	0	6,000
National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	0	0	1,500
Subtotal, OVW	0	0	\$446,000
Subtotal, Grants	0	0	\$1,199,000
Total Program Enhancements	397	215	\$1,470,874

The Justice Department was founded during Reconstruction to protect the civil rights promised by the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments. The Department of Justice continues to honor that history by committing to a whole-of-Department approach to protect civil rights and reduce barriers to equal justice. To protect marginalized communities, enforce civil rights laws, and ensure all Americans have equal access to justice, the FY 2024 President’s Budget includes **\$1.5 billion** and **397 positions (133 attorneys, 82 Agents)** in funding to preserve, protect, and defend civil rights. The request prioritizes advancing racial justice, promoting equity for underserved communities, and enforcing civil rights across the Nation. This funding will support police reform, provide for the prosecution of hate crimes across the Nation, defend voting rights, and other important civil rights activities.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Access to Justice (ATJ): \$1.5 million and 9 positions (5 attorneys)

Expanding Language Access: \$750,000 and two positions

This program will expand language access services across the Department, including through increased translation of written materials and interpretation services, quality assessments of both translations and interpretation, as well as trainings on language access legal mandates and how to implement language access best practices for Department staff. The ATJ will also ensure language access obligations are met under Executive Order 13166. Further, the ATJ will build the Department’s capacity to assess and improve the quality of its high-impact services to

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linguistically marginalized communities and those with limited proficiency in English. *Current services are \$443,000 and two positions (zero attorneys).*

Strengthening Public Defender Systems and Right to Counsel: \$599,000 and five positions (four attorneys)

To strengthen individuals' right to counsel in criminal justice systems, the ATJ will identify best practices and strategies that overcome barriers to effective representation. This includes conducting research and data collection to identify access gaps and the root causes of racial disparities, wrongful conviction, and overrepresentation of vulnerable groups and communities of color in criminal legal systems. Further, resources will help educate the public about the importance of the public defense function and enhance opportunities to provide technical assistance and training programs for providers who will help close the justice gap for historically underserved communities. *Current services are \$1.1 million and four positions (four attorneys).*

Leading the Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable: \$199,000 and two positions (one attorney)

With this additional funding, the ATJ will be able to staff and lead the work of the 28-member White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable and to actively engage stakeholders representing the legal aid and advocacy organizations and justice gap-impacted communities to help inform Federal programs allowing them to be more easily accessed and effective. The ATJ will provide leadership in advancing relevant evidence-based research and data collection relating to civil legal and indigent defense and will promulgate best practices in access to justice across the Federal government. *Current services are \$293,000 and one position (one attorney).*

Body Worn Cameras (BWC): \$89.2 million and 177 positions (82 agents)

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) requests \$37.8 million and 70 positions (11 agents).

Funding and positions will allow the ATF to support digital cloud storage of BWC video under the requirements set forth in the June 7, 2021, policy. Current services are \$6.3 million and six positions (six agents). Additionally, the ATF will create a Digital Evidence Management (DEM) Branch that will manage all the digital inventory and ensure data integrity and security as well as promulgate policy and best practices. The new DEM Branch will require the purchase of hardware and accessories for the ATF Special Agents, travel for agency-wide and the ATF National Academy training, 66 positions, a physical location for surplus hardware and accessories, IT upgrades for the successful upload or download of data in each office, and integration of the Taser data into the body worn camera cloud based digital storage. The request also supports the ATF's ability to provide a more transparent environment and support public trust by making body worn camera video available to the public, Special Agents, prosecutors, and court room personnel after proper protections have been applied. *Current services are \$6.3 million and six positions (six agents).*

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) requests \$2.8 million and zero positions.

This request supports the FBI's BWC program for all FBI Special Agents across all FBI field offices. These funds are required to sustain the FBI's current, nationwide BWC operations and will ensure continued investment in the infrastructure and personnel training required across the agency. Body worn cameras are critical tools that enhance law enforcement transparency and

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accountability, and this enhancement would enable the FBI to further that commitment to the public. *Current services are \$40.9 million and 102 positions (one agent).*

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) requests \$48.6 million and 107 positions (71 Deputy U.S. Marshals).

This request supports the continuing evolution of the USMS's portion of the BWC Program. Current services are \$29.7 million and 16 positions. Funding will allow the USMS to implement a video management solution that will provide capability to share body worn camera recordings as digital data; deliver a robust end-to-end solution for the USMS to access, manage, and report data in response to an authorized request; and perform redaction, video management, and audit capabilities. This initiative will equip deputized State and local Task Force Officers to use body worn cameras while supporting USMS enforcement missions and require specifically designated Deputy U.S. Marshals to use body worn cameras while serving a pre-planned arrest warrant, or other arrest; or executing a search and seizure warrant. *Current services are \$29.7 million and 16 positions (seven agents).*

Civil Rights Division (CRT): \$9.9 million and 60 positions (36 attorneys)

Federal Response to Hate Crimes & Incidents: \$13.2 million and 87 positions (56 attorneys)

The CRT enforces over 30 Federal civil rights statutes, both criminal and civil. Many of these touch on animus and bias in the areas of education, employment, housing, policing, public accommodations, and access to Federally-funded programs. This funding will continue the CRT's coordination with Federal, State, and local government agencies to share information and align civil rights enforcement strategies. The CRT has various interventions to address hate and bias including criminal and civil enforcement and technical assistance to ensure that policies and programs are inclusive and nondiscriminatory. *Current services are \$15.9 million and 88 positions (58 attorneys).*

Combatting Bias in Algorithmic Decision-Making: \$6.6 million and 39 positions (25 attorneys)

The CRT is uniquely positioned to influence the development of artificial intelligence (AI) and augmented decision-making technology in ways that are consistent with civil rights laws. For example, AI and machine learning tools used by police departments have the potential to perpetuate and exacerbate biases and discriminatory trends. This funding provides resources to evaluate whether police departments are implementing AI and machine learning-based tools in effective, non-discriminatory ways. The funding will support new investigations; access subject matter experts who can work with legal teams; and expand coordination with other Federal agencies that are also considering and addressing the implications of augmented decision-making. *Current services are \$4.5 million and 25 positions (16 attorneys).*

Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD): \$788,000 and eight positions (four attorneys).

Timber and Wildlife Trafficking Initiative

This request will support U.S. commitments to combat wildlife trafficking, illegal logging, and deforestation globally, and support training and enforcement capacity building efforts. President Biden has emphasized the need to conserve global forests and address timber trafficking. Executive Order 14072 (April 22, 2022) directs agencies to implement the United States' Plan to

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Conserve Global Forests, a key element of the Administration's plan to implement the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and which specifically addresses international trade in timber. The Department has taken a leadership role in the high-profile multinational effort to combat timber and wildlife trafficking and related transnational organized crime. Both timber and wildlife trafficking are serious multi-billion-dollar transnational crimes that threaten security, economic prosperity, and the rule of law, fuel corruption, and harm conservation efforts and human health. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR): \$150.0 million and 17 positions (six attorneys)

Legal Access Initiatives

This program increase will enable EOIR to increase and improve access to adjudications for certain individuals without representation. The requested increase will develop a competitive grant program to support broader legal representation in the areas of greatest need for those adults and families appearing in immigration court. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Office of the Pardon Attorney (PARDON): \$10.5 million and 60 positions (37 attorneys)

Critical Clemency Programs: \$10.4 million and 59 positions (36 attorneys)

This program increase will allow PARDON to continue to accomplish vital clemency activities by funding significant implementation and enhancements to the clemency program; continue addressing and clearing PARDON's backlog of approximately 15,000 clemency petitions; and hire sufficient staff in preparation for PARDON's expanded role in the capital case process pursuant to the Attorney General's January 2023 changes to the Justice Manual. *Current services for this initiative are \$12.2 million and 43 positions (22 attorneys).*

Pardon Fellow: \$130,000 and one position (one attorney)

This program increase will allow PARDON to start a one-year fellowship program in which a Pardon Attorney Fellow would support the Pardon Attorney in a full range of matters that includes evaluating and investigating clemency applications and preparing the recommendation of the Department of Justice as to the appropriate disposition of each application for the signature of the Deputy Attorney General. This program would help to train attorneys in the specialized manner of the necessary work in the area of clemency and sentencing commutation. *Current services for this initiative are \$12.2 million and 43 positions (22 attorneys).*

GRANTS

Office of Justice Programs (OJP): Total \$753.0 million (+\$585.5 million)

Accelerating Justice System Reform (AJSR): Total \$300.0 million (+\$300.0 million)

Part of the President's Safer America Plan, this initiative will provide states both the tools and the incentives to address existing drivers of correctional rates, racial disparities, and adverse outcomes for civilians. Funding will incentivize States to implement ambitious evidence-based reforms that enhance public safety and equal justice, as well as target drivers of inequity and unnecessary incarceration within existing laws and policies. In practice, jurisdictions could implement changes such as advancing efforts to repeal mandatory minimums for nonviolent offenses, three strikes laws, and other sentencing enhancements. Further, they can reclassify

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offenses, expand eligibility and support for pretrial release programs, restrict the use of pretrial detention and monetary conditions of release, and expand earned time credits and parole eligibility to safely reduce unnecessary criminal justice system interaction, thereby reducing the burden on law enforcement. In addition to these amounts, the Budget proposes an investment of \$14.7 billion in mandatory resources over a nine-year period beginning in 2025 to support AJSR. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Part B: Formula Grants: Total \$157.0 million (+\$82.0 million)

The request will provide support to States and localities in their efforts to reform juvenile justice and strengthen prevention, early intervention, and treatment programming for at-risk and delinquent youth. An increase in Part B funding will also provide an incentive for States to maintain their compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act and encourage States and localities to improve their implementation of evidence-based prevention and intervention programs for both at-risk and juvenile justice system-involved youth. *Current services for this initiative are \$75.0 million.*

Bureau of Justice Statistics Programs: Total \$78.0 million (+\$36.0 million)

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) provides national data collections and statistical analysis to assist criminal justice professionals and policymakers in better understanding all aspects of crime and the criminal justice system and supports building the evidence base needed to evaluate the effectiveness of justice-related programs and policies. There are several new initiatives proposed as part of this funding increase, including:

- National Crime Victimization Survey (\$24.0 million);
- Death in Custody Reporting Act Collection (\$5.0 million);
- Evidence Act Implementation (\$4.0 million);
- Data on Maternal Health of Incarcerated Women (\$3.0 million);
- Tracking Arrest and Court Case Outcomes (\$2.0 million); and
- Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices (\$1.0 million).

Current services for this initiative are \$42.0 million.

National Institute of Justice Programs: Total \$63.0 million (+\$28.0 million)

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) enhances the administration of justice and public safety by providing objective and independent evidence-based knowledge and tools to meet the modern challenges of crime and justice at the State, local, and tribal levels. Further, the NIJ products support practitioners and policy makers across the country. There are several new initiatives proposed as part of this funding increase, including:

- Reforming Policing Research (\$10.0 million);
- Building Better Metrics on Community Relations, Engagement, Safety and Trust (\$5.0 million);
- Evidence Act Implementation (\$5.0 million); and
- Minority Serving Institutions Research Capacity Building (\$5.0 million).

Current services for this initiative are \$35.0 million.

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Alternatives to Youth Incarceration: Total \$50.0 million (+\$50.0 million)

This program will support jurisdictions to close youth detention and correctional facilities, assess and respond to the impact of closures on facility staff and the surrounding communities, and reinvest State and local resources to support more effective community-based services for justice-involved youth and their families. This is an opportunity for States, tribal governments, and localities to innovate and explore spending alternatives to develop, expand, and enhance community-based alternatives to youth incarceration and address public safety priorities. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Training on Racial Profiling and De-escalation: Total \$20.0 million (+\$20.0 million)

This program will provide funding and support to State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies as they seek to reevaluate and update policies and practices to promote constitutional policing, greater accountability of law enforcement, and safer communities. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Girls in the Justice System: Total \$20.0 million (+\$14.5 million)

Within the Delinquency Prevention Program, funding will provide communities the level of support necessary to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to help children exposed to violence. Funding will support prevention and early intervention efforts designed to reach girls who are involved in the juvenile justice system. *Current services for this initiative are \$5.5 million.*

Jabara-Heyer No Hate Act: Total \$15.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

This program will increase efforts to address several key gaps in State, local, and tribal capacity to report and respond to hate crimes. Funding will assist State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in enhancing their ability to report hate crimes and incidents through the National Incident-Based Reporting System by training employees on identifying and classifying hate crimes. Funding will also be used to assist States in creating State-run hate crime reporting hotlines and to enhancing existing victim's hotlines to address the needs of victims of hate crimes and incidents. This includes directing individuals reporting these crimes and incidents to law enforcement, if appropriate. The program would also support the identification of resources for these individuals and would refer them to local support services for hate crime victims. *Current services for this initiative are \$10.0 million.*

Eliminating Records-Related Barriers to Youth Success: Total \$15.0 million (+\$15.0 million)

This program supports justice-involved youth, including those who are returning to their communities from secure confinement or out-of-home placement. Funding would help justice-involved youth to set-aside (i.e., expunge, seal, or vacate) their juvenile records to eliminate barriers to successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and improve public safety. This request would support grants to State, local, and tribal public agencies, and private organizations, including juvenile courts, justice agencies, defender services, and non-profit organizations. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

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Public Defender Improvement Program: Total \$12.0 million (+\$12.0 million)

This program will enhance efforts of public defenders to provide adequate legal representation, as guaranteed by the Constitution, and effective assistance of counsel assured under the Sixth Amendment. The program will include innovative and effective strategies to improve public defense. This includes support for public defense agency staff, compensation and oversight, public defense commissions or boards, and the implementation of processes to ensure appropriate legal standards, compensation for public defense and collections of data to ensure compliance with relevant standards. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Youth and Family Engagement Training and Technical Assistance: Total \$6.0 million (+\$6.0 million)

This program will provide national training and technical assistance to help State Advisory Groups and other juvenile justice agencies, leaders, and stakeholders undertaking juvenile justice system improvement and reform. The program will help ensure that youth and families with relevant experience have meaningful input into the juvenile justice strategic plans and system improvement efforts within their States, localities, and/or tribes to ensure just and fair treatment of youth, promote positive youth outcomes and family engagement, reduce recidivism, and enhance public safety. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Tribal Access Program: Total \$5.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

This funding will establish a dedicated funding source for the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information, which provides federally recognized Indian tribes with equipment training and technical assistance to assist them in accessing to national crime information systems for federally authorized criminal and non-criminal purposes and allow for additional expansion of the number of tribes that can participate. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Capacity Building Center: Total \$5.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

The request will establish a new Capacity Building Center to coordinate training and technical assistance and provide leadership and professional development to community-based organizations serving historically marginalized and underserved communities that have suffered from long-standing underinvestment. It will also manage a repository for lessons learned from the collective work so communities can implement best practices. This enhancement responds to Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*, which called on Federal agencies to identify and address barriers to equal opportunity and access that historically marginalized and underserved communities. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Youth-Focused Hate Crime Prevention and Intervention Initiative: Total \$5.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

This new program will focus on youth who hold hate-related beliefs, including those in contact with the juvenile justice system. This initiative would provide programming to show youth how and why their hate-related beliefs were formed and contribute to negative behaviors; challenge attitudes to help develop new pro-social behaviors, coping skills and attitudes; and reinforce that behaviors have consequences, and that persistence in hate-related views may place individuals at risk of further involvement with the juvenile justice system and place the public at risk. Funding would also support training and technical assistance to assist program sites and support the

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expansion and distribution of a universal hate crime prevention and intervention curriculum for youth. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Child-Friendly Family Visitation Centers in Correctional Facilities: Total \$2.0 million (+\$2.0 million)

This program provides grants for the construction, renovation, or upgrading of child-friendly family visiting spaces in correctional facilities, as well as for revisions of policies and practices to support child-friendly visitation experiences. These improvements in the visitation experience will contribute to efforts to preserve positive family connections, which can yield benefits in the form of reduced recidivism, less intergenerational criminal justice system involvement, and better child development. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW): Total \$446.0 million (+\$92.0 million)

STOP Program: Total \$300.0 million (+\$45.0 million)

STOP funding provides resources for States to combat domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, court response, and training for professionals. This increase in funding for the OVW's largest grant program will significantly enhance States' and territories' ability to finance coordinated community responses. *Current services for this initiative are \$255.0 million.*

Campus Violence: Total \$40.0 million (+\$15.0 million)

Additional funding will be used to strengthen colleges and universities' responses to domestic and sexual violence and stalking. Of this amount, \$7.5 million is to increase the set-aside for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 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. *Current services for this initiative are \$25.0 million.*

Consolidated Youth Program: Total \$28.0 million (+\$11.0 million)

This program provides 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. This funding includes \$10.0 million for Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention. *Current services for this initiative are \$17.0 million.*

Grants to Support Families in the Justice System: Total \$28.0 million (+\$6.0 million)

This program supports approaches to improving civil and criminal justice systems' responses to violence against women. The 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. 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. *Current services for this initiative are \$22.0 million.*

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Disabilities Program: Total \$17.5.0 million (+\$5.5 million)

This program provides accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. *Current services for this initiative are \$12.0 million.*

Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Program: Total \$15.0 million (+\$4.0 million)

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. 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. *Current services for this initiative are \$11.0 million.*

Elder Program: Total \$10.0 million (+\$1.0 million)

This program supports strategies for responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The 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. This request also reflects the critical need anticipated by service providers in a post-pandemic environment. *Current services for this initiative are \$9.0 million.*

National Deaf Services Program: Total \$6.0 million (+\$4.0 million)

Services specifically targeted for deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are limited. 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 interpreters. This request will enable the OVW to fund a five-year project to launch and maintain a national Deaf services line, which will provide virtual services to deaf victims of all four VAWA crimes, provide technical assistance to victim service providers working with deaf victims, and pilot strategies to expand “for Deaf, by Deaf” in-person services. *Current services for this initiative are \$2.0 million.*

National Resource Center on Workplace Responses: Total \$1.5 million (+\$500,000)

Funding will support Resource Center activities to address sexual harassment in the workplace. The Resource Center has often received requests for training and materials on sexual harassment. 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 specific to maintaining confidentiality in a small organization or providing opportunities for safety. *Current services for this initiative are \$1.0 million.*