

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CRIME VICTIM AND SURVIVOR SERVICES DIVISION

2026 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM (VAWA)

Continuation

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



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ONLINE APPLICATION DUE DATE: December 29, 2025 BY 11:59 PM PST

AWARD PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026

GRANT OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Opportunity Type: Continuation Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA) Number: 16.588

RFA Release Date: This solicitation releases on December 1, 2025

RFA Deadline: All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. PDT on December 29, 2025

Award Period: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,155,065 (one year allocations or one third of original award)

Total Number of Awards: 9 awards include two law enforcement projects, four prosecution, a court and statewide training projects for law enforcement and prosecution.

Matching Requirement:

A 25% cash or in-kind match of the total cost of the project is required for all government-based organizations, except for the funds used by non-profit, non-governmental victim services programs applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution.

E-Grants Registration: All applicants are registered in the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants System

Application Videoconference Call: Tuesday, December 9 from 10:00-11:30 AM via Teams

VAWA PURPOSE AND FUNDS AVAILABLE:

A total of \$1,155,065 is available to support continuation grants for 9 subrecipients based on the federal allocation categories that support law enforcement, prosecution and courts only.

These grant program funds are allocated according to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022 Reauthorization mandates along with annual VAWA general provisions and grant conditions.

Congress reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and it was signed into law in March 2022. Due to the passage of the VAWA Act of 2022, we reserve the right to change the scope and terms of awards for Federal Fiscal Years 2023 and subsequent years to conform to the terms of the Act. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

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SECTION I: GRANT APPLICATION BACKGROUND

A. Resources for Request for Applications (RFA)

Throughout this document, the Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division is referred to as ODOJ CVSSD.

The **ODOJ CVSSD E-Grant Application Instructions** provide guidance for each Form in the application. The instructions can be found on the landing page or the Forms Menu in the E-Grants VAWA Continuation Project Grant Application.

The [ODOJ CVSSD E-Grant Applicant User Guide](#) answers questions about navigating the system.

VAWA Guidelines for Funding. The [Violence Against Women \(VAWA\) Subaward Handbook for VAWA Subrecipients](#), cited throughout these instructions as a reference, is available on the **ODOJ CVSSD website**. Refer to Section III. A. Introduction and B. Overview of STOP VAWA for additional resources.

An electronic copy of the [“OJP Financial Grants Management Guide”](#) and the [OVW Frequently Asked Questions for the STOP Program](#) are also provided as a reference.

B. Contact Information for ODOJ CVSSD Staff

Questions about this RFA and VAWA can be directed to Diana Fleming, single point of contact:

| Primary Contact | Phone | E-mail |
|------------------|---|--|
| Diana Fleming | (503) 378-6260 or work cell (503) 884-5548 | Diana.L.Fleming@doj.oregon.gov |
| Grant Specialist | Phone | E-mail |
| Amanda Shinkle | | Amanda.L.Shinkle@doj.oregon.gov |

E-Grant specific questions can be directed to Mackenzie Gray:

| Fund Coordinator | Phone | E-mail |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| Mackenzie Gray | (503) 378-5647 | Mackenzie.e.Gray@doj.oregon.gov |

C. VAWA Implementation Planning Subcommittee

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| *Shannon Rose Executive Director Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force | *Keri Moran Kuhn Executive Director Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence |
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| *Rachelle Endres CARES Program Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians | Tawna Sanchez Director of Family Services Native American Youth & Family Center |
| *Jenny Woodson Domestic & Sexual Violence Coordinator OR Department of Human Services | Melanie Prummer Executive Director Peace at Home |
| Candy Rosenberg Crime Victim and Survivor Paralegal, Crime Victim Advocate & Trauma Recovery Services | |

VAWA Implementation Planning (IP) Subcommittee include members with expertise from law enforcement, prosecution, courts and victim service programs (community, government-based and tribal). Members marked with an asterisk are also ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee members. ODOJ CVSSD and the IP Subcommittee encourage and invite other agencies and individuals to participate in IP meetings and teleconferences to learn from a diverse array of communities that may be affected by violence. ODOJ CVSSD will reach out to population and culturally specific organizations and federally recognized tribes for each planning and decision-making meeting to address state funding priorities and goals as outlined in the IP.

D. VAWA Continuation RFA Videoconference Schedule

Applicants will have the opportunity to participate in an informational videoconference. Refer to the table below for the date, time and call-in information

| TELECONFERENCE | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Wednesday, December 10, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. |
| Web Access (to view documents) Meeting ID: https://oregondoj.webex.com/oregondoj/j.php?MTID=m69fc2ec3e982eef72658dd09c15f390e Join by phone +1-503-388-9555 United States Toll (Portland) +1-415-655-0002 US Toll <u>Global call-in numbers</u> | |

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the videoconference. No registration is necessary.

The purpose of the videoconference is to provide applicants with pertinent information and answer questions.

E. Request for Application Amendments

ODOJ CVSSD may amend this 2026 VAWA Continuation RFA by posting amendments on the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants Forms Menu page, immediately below this Request for Applications. Amendments will also be posted on the ODOJ CVSSD [VAWA webpage](#):

Requests for clarification of a provision of this RFA may be submitted by e-mail to the Single Point of Contact as noted in Section I.B. To be considered, requests must be received by the Clarification Inquiries due date (December 10, 2025 **by 11:59 p.m.**) listed in the Solicitation Schedule of this RFA. Requests for clarification received after the due date may or may not receive a response based on the sole discretion of ODOJ CVSSD. The Single Point of Contact will respond to each properly submitted request for clarification.

ODOJ CVSSD may also informally respond to applicants' questions with responses that do not affect the provisions of the 2026 VAWA Competitive Request for Applications.

F. Solicitation Schedule

| TARGET DATE | ACTIVITY |
|------------------------------|--|
| Monday, December 1, 2025 | Continuation Request for applications (RFA) released |
| Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | Continuation RFA Informational videoconferences held for applicants seeking funding for VAWA allocation categories under law enforcement, prosecution and courts |
| Wednesday, December 10, 2025 | Requests for changes/amendments to the application due |
| Friday, December 12, 2025 | Final changes/amendments to the application posted |
| Monday, December 29, 2025 | Application DUE through ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants no later than 11:59 p.m. |
| Monday, December 29, 2025 | Application Review by ODOJ CVSSD |
| Thursday, January 1, 2026 | 2026 VAWA Continuation grant period begins |

SECTION II: REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ODOJ CVSSD FUNDS

ODOJ CVSSD has established universal requirements for any application for state and federal grant funds administered by ODOJ CVSSD. These requirements include:

A. Eligibility

To be eligible for this funding through ODOJ CVSSD, applicants must meet all eligibility criteria listed in Section III of this RFA.

B. Common Requirements

1. Provide meaningful access to effective services supported by ODOJ CVSSD funds

All applicants must have written plans or other materials to describe how they provide meaningful access to effective services. At minimum, materials must describe how the applicant will:

- a. Provide timely information to victims/survivors for them to make informed decisions about their situation.
- b. Provide timely information to victims/survivors on how to apply for Crime Victim Compensation.
- c. Provide services at no cost to victims/survivors, and guarantee that services are voluntary for victims/survivors.
- d. Design and deliver services that are victim/survivor-centered and trauma-informed and will create safe and welcoming environments.
- e. Engage in planning and coordination of services with other providers in advance of working together to assist victims/survivors.
- f. Follow a referral process that cares for and serves the best interest of victims/survivors. Referrals must ensure that victims/survivors feel supported while being connected to other services. Referrals are “warm hand-offs” not “drop-offs”.
- g. Establish policies and procedures that create a solid foundation for providing effective victim services.

2. Engage people and communities to build awareness, trust, and understanding, and to strengthen relationships.

All applicants must have materials to describe how they engage the people they serve and their surrounding communities to build awareness, trust, and understanding, and to strengthen relationships.

At minimum, materials must describe how the applicant will:

- a. Gather insights from and learn about the people and communities who have the most needs.
- b. Get community input from all kinds of people who might seek victim/survivor services.
- c. Tap into local networks and engage in peer-to-peer dialogue to share knowledge and resources.
- d. Involve leadership and staff in developing and implementing plans for engagement and community feedback.
- e. Build awareness within the community about victim/survivor rights, protections, and services.

3. Confidentiality and Advocate-Victim Privilege

Such requirements are mandated by state and federal law and required by ODOJ CVSSD. The laws are considered best practice to protect victim privacy and are consistent with other confidentiality

provisions. See also specific sections of this RFA regarding state and federal funds and ODOJ CVSSD's Advocate Privilege and Confidentiality Requirements.

4. Effective Services and Sound Administrative and Financial Management

Applicants must demonstrate that the program is effectively delivering services that are meaningfully accessible to all survivors and effectively managing the administrative and financial resources of the organization. This includes:

- a. Materials that describe how the applicant provides meaningful access to effective services per Section II.B.
- b. Administrative and financial risk assessments are completed and submitted with this application.
- c. Financial and progress reports are true, accurate, timely, and complete financial and progress reports.
- d. Participation in ODOJ CVSSD conducts regular monitoring (Financial Report Verifications, Administrative & Financial Desk Reviews, and Site Visits).
- e. True and accurate financial records kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and federal Uniform Guidance.

5. Training

All grant-funded staff, volunteers/interns, and board/governing body members are trained as appropriate as outlined in this RFA.

6. Compliance with Relevant State and Federal Laws

Applicants must comply with relevant federal and state laws. These include civil rights laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs or activities (i.e., Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Limited English Proficiency guidelines), state insurance requirements, and Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200.

7. Compliance with Fund Specific Guidance in this RFA

C. Possible Outcomes of Non-Compliance

ODOJ CVSSD is responsible for ensuring that a subrecipient is in compliance with the general or specific terms and conditions of an award. If a determination of non-compliance is made, ODOJ CVSSD will take one or more of the following actions in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 and the ODOJ CVSSD grant agreement.

1. Perform additional project monitoring.
2. Establish corrective action plan(s) to address areas of concern.
3. Require the subrecipient to obtain technical or management assistance.
4. Place special conditions on subrecipient with moderate to high risk assessment scores.
5. Require payments as reimbursements rather than advance payments.
6. Perform monthly check-ins with fund coordinator.
7. Require monthly financial or progress reporting, or supplemental reports as requested by the fund coordinator.
8. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of a deficiency.
9. Disallow all or part of the cost of an activity or action not in compliance.

10. Wholly or partially suspend or terminate the award.
11. Withhold further awards for the project or program.
12. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

SECTION III: APPLICATION OVERVIEW

A. Introduction

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program is a federal grant administered by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). It's authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice, OVW with federal statutory authority through Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 (34 U.S.C. §§ 10441, 10446-10451, 10454, and ORS 147.231(1)). The goal of the program is to encourage states and localities to make criminal justice system responses proactive in addressing violence against women, by drawing on the experience of all the participants in the system, including the advocacy community.

Since 1994, Congress has reauthorized the VAWA Act four (4) times. The most recent, was signed into law in March 2022. For the purposes of this RFA, continuation grant funds will be awarded under VAWA 2022.

ODOJ CVSSD is the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program as authorized by ORS 147.231. ODOJ CVSSD receives the federal grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

B. Overview of the STOP Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant Program

The amount of competitive STOP Program funding available to applicants is based on statutory funding allocations. ODOJ CVSSD distributes the STOP VAWA funds as required by statute for law enforcement, prosecution, courts and victims' services programs as follows:

| Category | Annual STOP VAWA Formula Grant Award |
|-----------------|---|
| Law Enforcement | 25% competitive |
| Prosecution | 25% competitive |
| Court | 5% non-competitive |
| Victim Services | 30% non-competitive |
| Discretionary | 15% non-competitive for victim services and statewide training projects |

All of the allocation categories mentioned above are disbursed based on the type of organization that benefits from the VAWA program and the type of services supported by the program; however, discretionary funding may be used for any of the categories at the discretion of ODOJ CVSSD.

Under VAWA 2022, 20 percent of funds granted to the state must be allocated for programs or projects in two or more allocations that meaningfully address sexual assault, including stranger rape, acquaintance rape, alcohol or drug-facilitated rape, and rape within the context of an intimate partner relationship. Twenty percent is counted on the total amount granted to the state but is not a separate allocation. A portion of this requirement is met through the joint noncompetitive victim services grant with the competitive awards meeting the remaining state set aside.

| Federal Allocation Requirements ***These are not additional funds. *** | |
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| Meaningful Sexual Assault Services | A total of 20% of the total state award must be taken from at least 2 of the categories (LE, Prosecution, Courts or VS). |

A State funding priority currently allocates 20% across all allocation categories to meaningfully address sexual assault services. For the purposes of this RFA, ODOJ CVSSD requires the use of grant funds designated to support sexual assault services. To meet the set aside requirement, the sole focus on sexual assault and personnel funded under the projects must have sufficient expertise and experience in the field of sexual assault response.

The ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee and the VAWA IP Subcommittee are responsible for the development of the STOP VAWA Implementation Plan (IP) for Oregon. This plan establishes the funding priorities for projects receiving federal STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program funds. A copy of the FY 2022 - 2025 IP may be found at: [STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program Implementation Plan for Oregon](#) and is applicable to federal fiscal years 2020 – 2025 (and in fiscal year 2026 until a new IP is approved by OVW).

All continuation projects must follow the original funding priorities and project scope as approved. All priorities as listed under section III.B. 3 – 4 apply to continuation projects. **The only difference may be based on expanded or new definitions for those served in your project per VAWA 2022 definitions and grant provisions.**

1. Definitions

Definitions of terms used in VAWA that apply to the STOP Program, as amended by VAWA 2022, may be referenced at [34 U.S.C. 12291 – Definitions and Grant Provisions](#).

New definitions in VAWA 2022 include:

For the purpose of VAWA grants, the definition of "**domestic violence**" was expanded to include felony or misdemeanor crimes under relevant family or domestic violence laws, and for victim services, the use of physical or sexual abuse, or a pattern of coercive behavior to gain or maintain power and control. This coercive behavior specifically encompasses verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse.

The Act added statutory definitions for “economic abuse” and “technological abuse” for VAWA grant purposes. Economic abuse involves controlling a person's access to economic resources or influencing financial decisions, while technological abuse is the use of technology to restrict a person's access to information, money, or assets through coercion or fraud.

Other crimes related to intimate partner or family violence defined for the purposes of VAWA grant programs include the following:

Elder abuse: any action against a person who is 50 years of age or older that constitutes the willful— (A) infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or cruel punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish; or (B) deprivation by a person, including a caregiver, of goods or services with intent to cause physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness.¹⁵

Abuse later in life: neglect, abandonment, economic abuse, or willful harm of an adult aged 50 or older by an individual in an ongoing relationship of trust with the victim; or domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking of an adult aged 50 or older by any individual; and does not include self-neglect.¹⁶

Child abuse and neglect: any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caregiver with intent to cause death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or exploitation, or an act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm to an unemancipated minor. This definition shall not be construed to mean that failure to leave an abusive relationship, in the absence of other action constituting abuse or neglect, is itself abuse or neglect.¹⁷

Child maltreatment: the physical or psychological abuse or neglect of a child or youth, including sexual assault and abuse.¹⁸

Economic abuse: behavior that is coercive, deceptive, or unreasonably controls or restrains a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled, including using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to—(A) restrict a person's access to money, assets, credit, or financial information; (B) unfairly use a person's personal economic resources, including money, assets, and credit, for one's own advantage; or (C) exert undue influence over a person's financial and economic behavior or decisions, including forcing default on joint or other financial obligations, exploiting powers of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing or neglecting to act in the best interests of a person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.¹⁹

Forced Marriage: a marriage to which 1 or both parties do not or cannot consent, and in which 1 or more elements of force, fraud, or coercion is present. Forced marriage can be both a cause and a consequence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.²⁰

Technological abuse: an act or pattern of behavior that occurs within domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking and is intended to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass, impersonate, exploit, extort, or monitor, except as otherwise permitted by law, another person, that occurs using any form of technology, including but not limited to: internet enabled devices, online spaces and platforms, computers, mobile devices, cameras and imaging programs, apps, location tracking devices, or communication technologies, or any other emerging technologies.

The following definitions are important for applicants to consider when developing their proposals:

The term “**courts**” means any civil or criminal, tribal, and Alaska Native Village, Federal, State, local or territorial court having jurisdiction to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, including immigration, family, juvenile, and dependency courts, and the judicial officers serving in those courts, including judges, magistrate judges, commissioners, justices of the peace, or any other person with decision making authority.

The term “**community-based organization**” means a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or tribal organization that serves a specific geographic community that focuses primarily on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through collaboration.

The term “**law enforcement**” means a public agency charged with policing functions, including any of its component bureaus (such as governmental victim services programs or Village Public Safety Officers), including those referred to in section 2802 of Title 25.

The term “**Indian law enforcement**” means the departments or individuals under the direction of the Indian tribe that maintain public order.

The term “**prosecution**” means any public agency charged with direct responsibility for prosecuting criminal offenders, including such agency's component bureaus (such as governmental victim assistance programs).

The term “**victim service provider**” means a nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal organization or rape crisis center, including a State or tribal coalition, that assists or advocates for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims, including domestic violence shelters, faith-based organizations, and other organizations, with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The term “**victim advocate**” means a person, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, who provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or dating violence under the auspices or supervision of a victim services program.

The term “**victim assistant**” means a person, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, who provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or dating violence under the auspices or supervision of a court or a law enforcement or prosecution agency.

Definitions in VAWA 2013 for culturally specific services, population specific services and underserved populations ensure that VAWA funded services effectively reach victims from communities with unique needs and characteristics, and communities whose members face barriers to access traditional services.

The term “**culturally specific**” means primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 300u-6(g)).

The term “**culturally specific services**” means community-based services that include culturally relevant and linguistically specific services and resources to culturally specific communities.

The term “**population specific organization**” means a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that primarily serves members of a specific underserved population and has demonstrated experience and expertise providing targeted services to members of that specific underserved population.

The term “**population specific services**” means victim-centered services that address the safety, health, economic, legal, housing, workplace, immigration, confidentiality, or other needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that are designated primarily for and are targeted to a specific underserved population.

The term “**rural area and rural community**” means any area or community, respectively, no part of which is within an area designated as a standard metropolitan statistical area by the Office of Management and Budget; any area or community, respectively, that is within an area designated as a metropolitan statistical area or considered as part of a metropolitan statistical area; and located in a rural census tract; or any federally recognized Indian tribe.

The term “**underserved populations**” means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age), and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate.

2. Federal Statutory Purpose Areas

By statute, VAWA Formula Grant Program funds must be used to address one or more of the following federal statutory purpose areas as outlined in the 2022 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Funding may not be available for every statutory purpose area. For example, purpose area 20 is not supported with continuation funding. Other purpose areas may be specific to prosecution or law enforcement only.:

| Program Area | Purpose Area |
|--|---|
| 1 Training | Train law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence, including the use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (U) and (T) of section 101(a) (15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 2202 (a)); |
| 2 Enhancement Efforts | Develop, train or expand units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence; |
| 3 Policy and Protocol Development | Develop and implement more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims including implementation of the grant conditions in section 40002 (b) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291 (b)); |

| Program Area | Purpose Area |
|--|--|
| 4 Data Collection and Communication Systems | Develop, install, or expand data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence; |
| 5 Victim Service Programs and Visitation Centers | Develop, enlarge, or strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence programs, develop or improve delivery of victim services and legal assistance to underserved populations, provide specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increase reporting; and reduce attrition rates for cases involving violence crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence; |
| 6 Indian Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Programs | Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence; |
| 7 Statewide Multi-disciplinary Support | Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by State funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other State agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence; |
| 8 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) | Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault; |
| 9 Elder and Disabled Victims | Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of individuals 50 years of age and over, individuals with disabilities, and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, legal assistance, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals. |

| Program Area | Purpose Area |
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| 10 Immigration | Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters; |
| 11 New Initiatives and Emergency Services | Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families, including rehabilitative work with offenders |
| 12 Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants | <p>Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants”) in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and may undertake the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases. • Notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency. • Referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines or legal assistance services); and • Taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order; <p><i>*Note: Only government-based agencies may apply for funding to support project activities under this purpose area.</i></p> |
| 13 Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program | <p>Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as Crystal Judson Victim Advocates, to provide supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel; • the implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies (such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (“Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A |

| Program Area | Purpose Area |
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| | <p>Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project” July 2003)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial and local victim service providers and domestic violence coalitions. any law enforcement, state, tribal, territorial or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson DV Protocol Program under paragraph (13) shall on an annual basis, receive additional training on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel from DV and SA nonprofit organizations and, after a period of two years, provide a report of the adopted protocol to the DOJ, including a summary of progress in implementing that protocol. |
| 14 State, local or Tribal Legislation and Policies¹ | Developing and promoting state, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; |
| 15 Sexual Assault Response Teams | Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault; |
| 16 Law Enforcement and Prosecution Response to Sexual Assault Cases | Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims; |
| 17 Sexual Assault Response in Correctional or Detention Settings | Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings; |
| 18 Backlogs of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits | Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims; |
| 19 Strengthened Programs and Services for victims affected but Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity | Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in section 249(c) of title 18, United States Code; and |
| 20 Prevention and Educational Programming | Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or female genital mutilation or cutting, with not more than 5 percent |

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| | of the amount allocated to a state to be used for this purpose. |
| 21 Evidence Collection methods (including bruise photography) | Developing, enhancing, or strengthening programs and projects to improve evidence collection methods for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including through funding for technology that better detects bruising and |
| 22 Responses to female genital mutilation or cutting | Developing, enlarging, or strengthening culturally specific victim services programs to provide culturally specific victim services and responses to female genital mutilation or cutting; |
| 23 Victim Advocates in State, local law enforcement, prosecution, and courts to support advocacy to Indian victims | Providing victim advocates in State or local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and courts to provide supportive services and advocacy to Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking |
| 24 Pay governmental authority fees for documentation required by law for victim or child of victim | Paying any fees charged by any governmental authority for furnishing a victim or the child of a victim with any of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (A) A birth certificate or passport of the individual, as required by law. • (B) An identification card issued to the individual by a State or Tribe, that shows that the individual is a resident of the State or a member of the Tribe. |

VAWA 2013 language provides the direct authorization to support legislative and policy changes to comply with changes in VAWA under purpose area 14 as listed above thereby waiving the lobbying restrictions in regard to “enhancing best practices”.

3. OVW Priority Areas

The emphasis of the VAWA Formula Grant Program continues to be on the development and implementation of comprehensive law enforcement, prosecution and judicial strategies addressing violence against women that are sensitive to the immediate and long-term needs and safety of victims and holding offenders accountable for their crimes.

The goal of the program is to encourage states and localities to restructure and strengthen the criminal justice systems' response in addressing violence against women, drawing on the experience of all of the participants in the system, including the advocacy community.

All VAWA competitive projects were awarded and scored based on the federal priority areas and strategies (Refer to 2022-2025 VAWA Competitive RFA as found in ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants). All projects will remain within scope of their original award during the continuation award period.

The following activities have been found to jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions:

- Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or gender of their children;
- Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving federally funded services;
- Using technology without addressing implications for victim confidentiality, safety planning, and the need for informed consent;
- Procedures or policies that impose requirements on victims in order to receive services (e.g. seek an order of protection, receive counseling, participate in couples counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek civil or criminal remedies, etc.);
- Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims;
- Project design, products, services and budget that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and participants who have limited English proficiency or who are Deaf or hard of hearing; and
- Partnering with individuals or organizations that support/promote practices that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability.

For more detailed examples refer to the [VAWA Subaward Handbook](#).

4. State Program Funding Priorities

The following state funding priorities were approved by ODOJ CVSSD and the VAWA Implementation

Planning Subcommittee for FY 2022 - 2025:

- Provide victims of domestic and sexual assault, stalking and dating violence meaningful access to services and support programs in stabilizing funding for:
 - a) Victims' services (includes non-profit, tribal and prosecution-based programs) and prosecution-based programs; and
 - b) Law enforcement, prosecution and court projects.
- Support services to meet the needs of: a) victims from Tribal Nations and other underserved, culturally specific populations. b) To improve and enhance culturally specific services and increase cultural competency in the delivery of victim services as well as the cultural responsiveness of prosecution, law enforcement and courts. (REQUIRED)
- To support statewide and local training projects, using allocation of STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program funds.
- ODOJ CVSSD will ensure that "not less than 20% of the total award" in at least two categories will be allocated to meaningfully address sexual assault services, as required in federal statute, as a set aside across victim services, discretionary, law enforcement, prosecution, and court allocation categories.
- To facilitate collaboration, consultation and planning among and between non-profit, government-based, and tribal victim service providers and law enforcement, prosecution and courts. (REQUIRED)
- To reduce the number of domestic violence homicides in the State of Oregon through fatality review of domestic violence cases, implementation of model firearm surrender protocols and/or lethality assessments.

The funding priorities demonstrate the state's intent for VAWA funds following an inclusive and coordinated planning process. The funding priorities are developed every four years in response to an evaluation of statewide gaps. The IP is intended to reflect the strengths and needs of the state; the challenges that survivors, systems, providers, and relevant disciplines face; and the priorities, goals, and objectives for use of STOP funds. Please refer to the [FY 2022 - 2025 VAWA Implementation Plan for Oregon](#). The plan is applicable to federal fiscal years 2020 – 2025 (and in 2026 until a new IP is approved by OVW).

Each proposed project will maintain the state funding priority (or priorities) as originally awarded under a primary focus area of Direct Services or Training. Each project may include a secondary focus area (Direct Services, Training or Policies, Procedures and Protocols) as listed in E-Grants on the project description form. At least one federal statutory purpose area is required.

5. Unallowable and Out-of-Scope Activities

The following is a list of activities that are unallowable and out of program scope and cannot be supported by VAWA Formula Grant Program funding:

- Law enforcement equipment such as uniforms, safety vests, shields and weapons. (Equipment such as cameras, specifically designated for investigating domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or dating violence incidents are allowable);
- Victim Service-related projects, that fall outside the scope of law enforcement, prosecution or courts in criminal justice (unallowable for this RFA only);
- Substance abuse counseling for domestic and sexual assault victims;
- Immigration fees for battered immigrant women;
- Activities focused on education and prevention efforts (includes bystander intervention, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.);
- Research projects (this does not include program assessment conducted only for internal improvement purposes);
- Lobbying or attempts to influence members of Congress, the Oregon Legislature, County Commissions, City Councils, or other legislative bodies;
- Fundraising campaigns, endowment drives, or solicitation of gifts and bequests;
- Purchase of real property and vehicles; and
- Construction or physical modification to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).

C. Eligible Applicants

ODOJ CVSSD anticipates awarding \$1,155,065 million to support applicants for the law enforcement, prosecution, and court allocation funds for grant award period January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026. The continuation awards will support the 9 subrecipients that received competitive awards January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025. All 9 subrecipients received the awards based on a competitive review process and criteria and are designated the fiduciary agent from state, local and tribal law enforcement or prosecution or a non-profit victim service program that applied for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution. Three of the 9 projects received funding non-competitively for the court allocation funds or a statewide training project for law enforcement and prosecution.

1. Guidance for organizations that applied for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution allocation funds.

Refer to [34 U.S.C. 12291 – Definitions and Grant Provisions](#), for federal definitions as amended by VAWA 2022.

Applicants are expected to propose project activities that support and enhance the core functions of law enforcement or prosecution. A victim service provider (non-profit, government or tribal-based) may apply “for the benefit of” prosecution or law enforcement by demonstrating how the project meets the core functions in an MOU. The MOU provides documentation that demonstrates that the organizations have consulted and coordinated the responsibilities of their activities that clearly meets the core functions of law enforcement or prosecution. A comprehensive description of the roles and responsibilities of the applicant’s partnership with each of the proposed law enforcement or prosecution partners must include signatures.

The core function of *law enforcement* is to:

- Investigate domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence crimes;
- Provide services to ensure the immediate safety of victims; and
- Hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The core function of *prosecution* is to:

- Prosecute domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence crimes,
- Provide services to ensure the long-term safety of victims; and
- Hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The core function of the *courts* is to provide fair, accessible and timely justice to promote the rule of law, protect individual rights and resolve conflicts.

2. Allocation Category Goals

Law Enforcement

The goal of this grant opportunity is to enhance the ability of local communities to keep women safe and hold perpetrators accountable. The grant project will achieve this by: 1) enabling more effective enforcement of laws prohibiting violence against women through the development of focused enforcement units with specialized skills and tactics; 2) improving the capacity of law enforcement to appropriately respond to the needs of victims, and 3) developing and implementing policies and protocols to insure an effective response. Grant funds are available to develop or expand specialized enforcement and investigative units, positions, or other specialized resources that focus on sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking crimes, and/or dating violence.

Prosecution

The primary goal of this grant opportunity is to enhance the ability of local communities to keep women safe and hold perpetrators accountable. The grant project will achieve this by: 1) enabling more effective prosecution of offenders violating laws that protect women and prohibiting violence against women in the process; 2) improving the capacity of the justice system to respond to victims needs and to treat victims with respect; 3) effectively coordinating prosecution with law enforcement, community victim services; the courts; and other system components. Grant funds are available to

develop or expand specialized prosecution units or other specialized resources to prosecute/adjudicate domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking cases.

Court (Oregon Judicial Department Only)

The goal of this grant opportunity is to provide a centralized VAWA Staff Counsel with the Oregon Judicial Department under the State Court Administrator. The centralized point of contact will provide technical assistance and education to trial court judges and staff, to develop and revise uniform statewide forms and procedures for all trial courts statewide, and to collaborate with all system participants to improve system response and increase victim safety.

D. Eligibility Requirements

An organization must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for VAWA funds:

1. Demonstrate a record of providing effective and meaningful access to direct services to survivors. This includes a history of providing direct services in a cost-effective manner and financial support from other sources.
2. Subrecipients must provide services to survivors, at no charge, through the VAWA-funded project. That means the subrecipient must not reimburse the victim for the out-of-pocket cost of a forensic medical exam.
3. Maintain the Confidentiality of Survivor Information, as required by state and federal law. Recipients will be required to sign the Acknowledgement of Notice of Statutory Requirement to Comply with the Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, as Amended, with the Grant Agreement. For further explanation and clarification read the OVW Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the VAWA Confidentiality Provision.
4. Promote Community Efforts to Aid Survivors of Sexual Assault. Promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to survivors of sexual assault. Coordination may include, but is not limited to, serving on state, federal, local, or Tribal task forces, commissions, working groups, coalitions, and/or multi-disciplinary teams. Coordination efforts also include developing written agreements that contribute to better and more comprehensive services to survivors of sexual assault.
5. Comply with OVW Financial Requirements. Subrecipients must agree to follow the financial and administrative requirements in the OJP Financial Grants Management Guide. This includes, but is not limited to, financial documentation for disbursements, daily time and attendance records specifying time devoted to allowable VAWA services, job descriptions, contracts for services, and other records which facilitate an effective audit.
6. Comply with the Assurances and Certifications. Subrecipients must meet the terms of the Certified Assurances and other federal rules regulating grants, including non-supplanting and the Certifications regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension and other responsibility matters, and drug-free workplace requirements.
7. Comply with State Criteria. Subrecipients must abide by any additional eligibility or service criteria as established by ODOJ CVSSD including submitting statistical and programmatic information on the use and impact of VAWA-funded projects.
8. Not Compromise Survivor Safety and Recovery. Subrecipients must not compromise survivor safety

and recovery through any of their activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to:

- Developing procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or gender of their children;
- Crafting policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator;
- Crafting policies or engaging in practices that impose restrictive conditions to be met by the survivor in order to receive services; and
- Crafting policies that require the victim to report the assault to law enforcement.

In addition to the requirements listed above, all VAWA subrecipients are expected to:

1. Comply with Federal Rules Regulating Grants. Subrecipients must comply with the applicable provisions of VAWA, the Program Guidelines, and the requirements of the OJP Financial Guide which includes maintaining appropriate programmatic and financial records that fully disclose the amount and disposition of VAWA funds received. This includes financial documentation for disbursements; daily time and attendance records specifying time devoted to allowable VAWA victim services; client files; the portion of the project supplied by other sources of revenue; job descriptions; contracts for services; and other records which facilitate an effective audit.
2. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006
3. As of January 1, 2009, all recipients of Federal VAWA funds, and their sub-contractors, must comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. All applicants will be required to acquire or renew registration with the System for Award Management (SAM), if you have not already done so.
4. Comply with the Assurances and Certifications. Subrecipients must meet the terms of the Certified Assurances and other federal rules regulating grants, including non-supplanting and the Certifications regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension and other responsibility matters, and drug-free workplace requirements.
5. Maintain Civil Rights Requirements. The ODOJ CVSSD Civil Rights Requirements webpage, provides information and links that will assist subrecipients in complying with three mandatory federal processes. These include:
 - Civil rights laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs or activities;
 - Limited English Proficiency (LEP) guidelines; and,
 - Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEO). Non-profit organizations and Tribal Nations are exempt from the EEO requirements but must complete the EEO form included as a Grant Agreement Exhibit and submit a Certification Form using the EEO Reporting System found at EEO Notice | Office of Justice Programs.

Note: LEP Guidelines and EEO requirements are currently under review and revision at the federal level. We've added to the [CVSSD website](#) to reflect the language found on the federal websites for these two federal requirements.

These processes include notification of nondiscrimination policy, responding to discrimination complaints, and civil rights training and are required of subrecipients of VAWA funding through ODOJ CVSSD. Civil Rights Training Certification is required to be updated every two years and uploaded in E-Grants before the grant agreement is signed. Refer to 2013 FAQs Civil Rights Non Discrimination VAWA.

6. Non-supplanting of Funds. Federal funds cannot be used to supplant (replace) other existing funds. Funds presently appropriated for the project may not be deliberately decreased due to additional federal funds.

E. State Requirements

1. VAWA Grant Management Handbook. Comply with VAWA program guidelines as written in the most recent version of the [VAWA Subaward Handbook](#).
2. Financial, Progress and Statistical Reporting. Applicants will submit quarterly financial reports; and semi-annual and annual statistics as well as narrative reports on services provided specific to the staff positions supported by VAWA funds. Applicants providing direct services to victims also will submit semi-annual common outcome measures. More detailed information can be found in Section VII.C. of this RFA.
3. Confidentiality Policies and/or Procedures
Maintain and enforce policies and procedures that protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services and that prohibit disclosure of Personally Identifying Information (PII) or individual information collected in connection with services requested, used, or denied without the informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person whose information will be disclosed. Non-personally identifying information may be shared in the aggregate for reporting purposes. Policies will be reviewed during site visits. You must become familiar with and adhere to the PII Breach policy; policy and forms are located on the ODOJ CVSSD website.
4. Training Requirements
Applicants must ensure that STOP VAWA-funded staff and volunteers providing direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and/or dating violence complete training that most appropriately covers topics relevant to the STOP VAWA funded staff position (s):
 - (i) Attend training that meets the requirements adopted by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Advisory Committee (Non-profit, non-governmental victim service programs applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution must meet this training requirement):
https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/CVSSD_and_DHS_Training_Requirements_of_Grantees_Serving_Survivors_of_DV_SA.pdf. The *Training Requirements for Staff, Volunteers and Leadership of Non-Profit Organizations and Tribal Nations Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking* are available on DOJ CVSSD's web page at: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/grant-funds-programs/oregon-domestic-and-sexual-violence-services-odsvs-fund/>. Training requirements are also detailed in "Grantee Training Requirements", found on the ODOJ CVSSD website at [Grant Guidance Documents - Oregon Department of Justice](#). The recommended training format is group training, but Subrecipients may choose to use the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence ("OCADSV") web-based advocacy training course to supplement in-person training on

OCADSV website when available; or

- (ii) Attend the Sexual Assault Training Institute (SATI) training: [Trainings – Oregon SATF](#) or
- (iii) STOP VAWA-funded staff providing direct services are required to complete the ODOJ CVSSD-sponsored [Crime Victims Compensation Training](#) at least once every four years and ensure all direct service staff are appropriately trained.
- (iv) Subrecipient shall notify ODOJ CVSSD when any staff training is completed by updating the Staff Roster in ODOJ CVSSD web-based grant application and reporting system (ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants). Subrecipient shall document training completed by volunteers, interns and members of the board of directors, governing body or designated leaders.
- (v) Subrecipient shall attend all appropriate ODOJ CVSSD-sponsored training and fund-specific meetings unless specific written permission excusing attendance has been obtained from ODOJ CVSSD.

F. Availability and Duration of Funding

Through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program, the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (ODOJ CVSSD) will award \$1,155,065 in federal grant funds for a 1-year continuation grant award period from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

The funds will be awarded to projects under the following categories:

| Subrecipient | Category | 1 Year VAWA Continuation Award | Portion of Award for SA set aside |
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| Oregon Judicial Department | Court | \$103,212 | \$19,989 |
| City of Hillsboro | Law Enforcement | \$133,333 | \$13,334 |
| Salem Police Department | Law Enforcement | \$130,993 | |
| Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force | LE/Prosecution | \$103,476 | \$103,476 |
| Oregon Department of Justice, DVRP | LE/Prosecution | \$166,995 | \$113,556 |
| Jefferson County, District Attorney's Office | Prosecution | \$132,521 | \$7,255 |
| Lane County, District Attorney's Office | Prosecution | \$133,290 | |
| Marion County, District Attorney's Office | Prosecution | \$117,923 | |
| Multnomah County, District Attorney's Office | Prosecution | \$133,323 | |
| | | \$1,155,066 | \$257,610 |

Note: Of the \$1,155,065, a minimum of \$257,610 will be earmarked for a mandated sexual assault set aside.

SECTION IV: GENERAL APPLICATION & E-GRANTS GUIDELINES

The following information is to assist you in completing the 2026 VAWA Continuation Grant Application for the 9 eligible programs currently receiving 2023 – 2025 VAWA Competitive awards.

A. General Application Instructions

Applications will be completed and submitted entirely through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system.

Organization and Member Information in the ODOJ CVSSD E-grants system.

Applicants must review and update the organization's contact and member profile information including deactivating staff no longer associated with the organization. This process should be completed prior to initiating the application. Organization and Member Information in ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants.

KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WORKING IN THE E-GRANTS SYSTEM:

The E-Grants system will not allow an application to be submitted with error messages on any form within the application.

Remember to click “SAVE” frequently to save information you have entered. Do not wait to complete the page before saving. There is no way to retrieve lost information.

For radial button selections, click once to mark or change your selection, double-click to remove the selection completely.

Consider completing narrative sections in a word program and pasting it into the appropriate section. E-Grants does not have a spell check feature and most text boxes have limited character counts. Using these tools in Word may be helpful.

If the system is idle for an hour, it will time out. All unsaved information will be lost.

Completing and saving individual forms is not the same as “submitting” the application. Applicants must be sure to CHANGE THE STATUS of their application to “Application Submitted” when all forms have been completed and all errors are corrected.

CVSSD recommends submitting the application at least 1-2 days prior to the DUE date to avoid any unanticipated technical problems. LATE applications WILL NOT be accepted.

ODOJ CVSSD grant recipients must be in compliance with all current grant requirements, including all reporting requirements, to be considered for this funding.

B. Technical Assistance Regarding the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants System

Technical assistance regarding CVSSD E-Grants can be obtained by:

- a. Accessing **Form Instructions** in the Request for Application section of the Application menu;
- b. Using the [CVSSD E-Grant Applicant User Guide](#);
- c. Contacting the ODOJ CVSSD VAWA Grant staff as listed on page i for assistance with the application contents;
- d. Contacting the system Help Desk for system technical assistance, which is available: Monday –

Friday 7am to 5pm, Pacific Standard Time, at 1-866-449-1425 or email azhelpdesk@agatesoftware.com.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system. **The application is due on Monday, December 29, 2025, by 11:59 p.m.**, Pacific Standard Time. The application will not be accessible after the above mentioned time. **Once an application is submitted it will become a “read-only” document and cannot be changed.** ODOJ CVSSD staff will not be available to assist an applicant after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2025.

Late applications will NOT be accepted. For information on Submitting your Application see the *CVSSD E-Grants Applicant User Guide*.

The ODOJ CVSSD staff will respond to questions with respect to RFA clarifications and the VAWA continuation grant process.

Instructions for completing all FORMS in this application can be found by reviewing Application Instructions.

SECTION V: APPLICATION CONTENTS

A. Project Information: Forms A-I

General Application Contents. Each applicant is required to complete the Application Contents Forms A – N. Please note that you will only complete one Project Description Form under question 4 on Form A. Cover Page. Based on your original award, your application will include either Form D. Direct Services or E. Training. A question addressing a secondary or tertiary focus such as Policies, Procedures and Protocols is included on the primary project description form.

Form C pertains only to applicants selecting the Sexual Assault category on the Cover Page and must be completed if the form appears in the Forms Menu. This demonstrates how the project will meet the mandatory set aside as allocated.

Form I (Attachment to Upload) is for use in attaching and uploading required documents. Applicants may upload an MOU under #4 to demonstrate:

- a formal partnership without an exchange of funds or
- to demonstrate how they meet “applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution”.

All non-profit, non-governmental applicants that are applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution are required to upload an MOU on this form under #4.

Additionally, both government-based applicants and those applying for the benefit of law enforcement and prosecution are required to demonstrate consultation and planning among and between victim service programs, law enforcement, prosecution and courts through a Letter of Consultation (upload under #1).

B. Project Budget: Forms J - N

Each applicant is requested to submit a 1-year budget. Allocations for each project, including sexual assault set aside allocations, are listed under Section III. F.

A list of unallowable and out-of-scope activities can be found in Section III.B.5. of this RFA. The most recent version of the OJP Financial Grants Management Guide provides additional financial program guidance and should be used in conjunction with other federal applicable rules and regulations.

Form N is an auto-fill budget summary page. All budget amounts and match will be summarized from forms J - M and shown on the Budget Summary page.

C. Attachments

An additional “Attachments” form is shown at the end of the Forms Menu. This page is to be used only if there are insufficient upload spaces in prior sections or with special permission from ODOJ CVSSD to upload additional documents. This is a “multiple page” form, so multiple copies of this form can be completed. Once the first attachment is uploaded and the page has been saved, click on the “Add” button at the top of the form to complete an additional copy of the attachments page.

Please see the “Application Form Completion” section of the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants *Applicant User Guide* for additional information.

SECTION VI: SUBMISSION INFORMATION

VAWA Continuation Grant applications **MUST** be submitted through the ODOJ CVSSD E-grant system. For instructions on how to submit your application, please review the Submitting your Application section of the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants Applicant User Guide.

THE VAWA Continuation Grant Application is Due:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

BY 11:59 P.M., PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

When applications are submitted, they are entered into a “read-only” status & cannot be changed.

At the deadline time, e-grants will lock the system and will no longer accept applications.

Late applications will not be considered for funding.

The applicant should begin the application submission process 48 hours, but not later than 24 hours, prior to the application deadline. This will allow for sufficient time for the applicant to contact the appropriate individuals and take corrective action should unforeseen technical issues arise.

SECTION VII: REVIEW OF APPLICATION AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

This is a Continuation application process. ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinators will conduct an impartial review of the applications received in response to this RFA. ODOJ CVSSD may seek clarification about or ask for additional information regarding an application. ODOJ CVSSD may require changes to an application prior to awarding grant funds and within a stated time frame as instructed by the ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinator.

Fund Coordinators will review to ensure that minimum qualifications are met and the applicant is in compliance with funding requirements to continue receiving VAWA funds.

Applicant's failure to comply with the instructions or to submit a complete application may result in the application being deemed non-responsive.

A. Reservation of Rights

ODOJ CVSSD reserves the right to:

- Seek further information, request clarifications about, or changes to applications, and to make an award without further discussion of the applications submitted;
- Reject any and all applications received by reason of this request, or to negotiate separately in any manner necessary to serve the best interest of the public;
- Determine, with sole discretion, whether an application does, or does not, substantially comply with the requirements of this RFA; and
- Waive any minor irregularity, informality, or non-conformance with the provisions or procedures of this RFA.

B. Review of Award Decisions

Informal Review

Applicants may request informal feedback and technical assistance regarding their grant application any time after receiving notification of the award decision. Contact the ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinator assigned to you for additional information regarding this process.

Formal Review

An applicant has a right to review the award decision regarding its application. Each applicant is informed of the review procedure if a no-fund or partial-fund decision is made regarding its application. No applicant will be subject to reprisal for seeking a review of an award decision. The following steps are recommended:

- An applicant may make a written request to the ODOJ CVSSD fund coordinator for a review within 7 calendar days after receiving notification of the award decision.
- Upon receipt of a written request, ODOJ CVSSD will schedule a meeting with the applicant within 14 calendar days.
- ODOJ CVSSD will notify the applicant of the result of the meeting within 5 calendar days after the meeting is held.
- If the matter is not resolved through this process, the applicant may request a review of the issue by the Attorney General or her designee. The applicant must make a written request for further review within 7 calendar days following notification of the meeting results described in this paragraph.
- Every effort will be made to have a final decision to the applicant within 14 days of receipt of the final written request.

SECTION VII: MONITORING, REPORTING AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Grant Monitoring

ODOJ CVSSD monitors awards for compliance with applicable federal and state guidelines, the [ODOJ CVSSD Grant Monitoring Policy](#), the VAWA Subaward Handbook, and the ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreement. ODOJ CVSSD also monitors awards to determine if subrecipients are:

- a) providing services as outlined in their grant applications and awards; and as described in this RFA and grant agreements;
- b) spending grant funds as agreed;
- c) working towards funding objectives; and
- d) following their own established program policies and procedures. ODOJ CVSSD accomplishes monitoring objectives through a variety of techniques including:
 - Application reviews and modifications
 - Special conditions of the ODOJ CVSSD grant agreement
 - Financial and administrative risk assessments
 - Financial and progress reports
 - Financial report verifications
 - Reviews of policies and procedures governing organizations' financial and administrative management
 - Conducting virtual interviews with and in-person visits to subrecipient organizations and programs to evaluate program effectiveness

Monitoring may also include technical assistance and support for organizations seeking to improve services and to develop fiscal, operational and programmatic capacity. ODOJ CVSSD monitoring includes financial and administrative risk assessments, one or more financial report verifications, policy and procedure reviews, and on-site visits. The process flow chart is available [here](#).

B. Award Conditions

1. Conditional Awards

- a. Timely Completion of Grant Award Documents:** All grant awards are made conditional upon the timely completion of grant award documents. Funds are not considered obligated and will not be transferred until all required grant award documents have been signed by an applicant and by the Department designee. If grant award documents are not completed by an applicant within three months of the notice to the applicant of the intended award, ODOJ CVSSD may withdraw the award and has the authority to reallocate the funds that were conditionally awarded to the applicant.
- b. Other Conditions:** All Grant Agreements issued by ODOJ CVSSD include conditions that must be satisfied by both parties to the Agreement. In addition, ODOJ CVSSD may include additional conditions when circumstances exist that require a further showing of applicant's ability to successfully manage an award. For example, an award may be made conditionally if the subrecipient is not current in reporting for any previous grant award; has fewer than two full years of operational history in providing services to victims; has not fully demonstrated the ability to successfully manage any previous ODOJ CVSSD awards; or has not demonstrated stability as required by this RFA. Examples of such additional conditions may include but are not limited to a requirement of more frequent reporting to assure timeliness and accuracy or additional reports to document that subrecipient is successfully addressing an area of concern.

If one or more of these conditions exist, the applicant will be notified that a conditional award has been approved and shall specify the conditions to be satisfied by the applicant and the date by which the conditions must be satisfied. When additional conditions are included in the Grant Agreement, Subrecipient's failure to satisfy those conditions shall be governed by the default and termination provisions included in the Grant Agreement.

C. Reporting Requirements

In addition to the conditions specified in the preceding section ("Conditional Awards") and as a condition of receiving a VAWA grant, recipients must adhere to the financial guidelines set forth in the fund specific ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreement.

All ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreements provide that subrecipients who fail to meet any of the reporting requirements included in this section (financial, narrative and/or statistical) shall be considered to be in default under the agreement. In such a case, ODOJ CVSSD has the right to terminate the award. ODOJ CVSSD may also reduce the award proportionately to the period for which reports were not submitted in a timely manner. Please see Section 5 of the Grant Agreement for reporting requirements and Section 6 for the "Termination and Default" section of the ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreement for additional information.

Reporting for this application will be done completely through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system. See the reporting schedule at the end of this section. Details and training on reporting within the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system will be provided by ODOJ CVSSD staff.

Financial Reporting

ODOJ CVSSD operates funding for the VAWA Grant Program on a reimbursement basis, meaning that grant funds are paid to grantee agencies after expenditures have been incurred. Payments to grantees are made when ODOJ CVSSD receives a quarterly Financial Report form in ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants. The Financial Report that is due by January 31st will include the required OVW Statistical Annual VAWA Impact Report. ODOJ CVSSD Common Outcome Measures Quarterly Reports for subrecipients providing direct services must also be submitted in order for payment to be made.

Narrative Reporting Requirements

Each subrecipient must submit a semi-annual narrative report on grant-funded activities. Semiannual narrative reports are not a substitute for the annual statistical report in the new federal online reporting system or other specifically required report information (i.e., reporting staff turnover, approval of specific expenditures, requests to amend budgets, seeking ODOJ CVSSD approval for out of state training, etc.).

Statistical Reporting Requirements

ODOJ CVSSD requires that VAWA subrecipients report statistical data on an annual basis for reporting period of January – December. Statistics are collected in a new web-based subrecipient performance reporting tool. A sample VAWA Annual Impact Report form may be found at: [STOP Formula Grant Program Sample Reporting Form \(IMPACT Tool\)](#). Subrecipients should use the sample form to collect data in advance of the online report process between January – February following a reporting year.

All statistical data must be as accurate as possible and subrecipients must be able to distinguish between new and ongoing clients. It is essential that the proper data be collected and reported as the data will be used to comply with both state and federal reporting requirements.

Subrecipients must carefully consider who their VAWA grant clients or activities are in order to accurately collect and report relevant data. In general, clients are “identifiable individuals who receive direct services by the staff resources reflected in the VAWA grant budget.” The following should be taken into account when determining how to collect VAWA statistics:

- Contacting the public individually, in groups, in person or otherwise, with information about the availability of services may be an important activity, but does not constitute the actual provision of direct services; persons so contacted are not clients unless they actually receive the direct services offered through the VAWA grant; and
- Clients must be individually identifiable in order to ensure that data is unduplicated and to collect the necessary civil rights compliance information. The only exception is “Number of Phone Contacts.”

Additional resources such as STOP Formula Subgrantee Performance Reporting Instructions may be found at: [STOP Formula Grant Program](#)

Reporting on ODOJ CVSSD Common Outcome Measures (for Direct Service Projects Only)

VAWA grant recipients providing direct services are required to collect feedback on services provided using prescribed common outcome measures. These measures and the client feedback process will be part of the ODOJ CVSSD reporting requirements.

Maintain Civil Rights Information

Upon award, each subrecipient is required to maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on survivors' services by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability. This requirement is waived when the grant recipient is providing a service such as crisis line where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the survivor. Civil rights statistics must be kept on file along with other VAWA grant documentation and must correspond with each grant period. The information will be reviewed during onsite visits or at the request of the Federal Administrator of VAWA Funds of the Office on Violence Against Women.

3. Reporting Schedule

| Reporting Period | Quarterly Financial Due | Semi Annual Statistics/Narrative Annual Progress Report Due (Muskie) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| January 1 – March 31 | April 30 | N/A |
| April 1 – June 30 | July 20 | July 31 |
| July 1 – September 30 | October 31 | N/A |
| October 1 – December 31 | January 31 | January 31 |

D. Payment of Awards

VAWA grant award payments are made on a reimbursement basis, meaning that grant funds are paid to grantee agencies after expenditure has been made. Payments to subrecipients are made when ODOJ CVSSD receives a Quarterly Financial Report form and all required accompanying reports. All payments are contingent upon funds being appropriated and available for distribution.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: [Sample Letter of Consultation with Victim Service Programs \(or Criminal Justice Organizations\)](#)

Appendix B: [Sample Letter of Authorization](#)

Appendix C: [Certificate of Non-Supplanting](#)

Appendix D: [Memorandum of Understanding Template and Guidelines](#)

Appendix E: Training Project Detail Forms
A separate form for [LE/Prosecution](#) and the [Courts](#).

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: [Federal Priorities and Strategies](#)

Exhibit B: [State Funding Priorities](#)

Exhibit C: [Examples of Project Goals and Objectives](#)