

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
**2019 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence,
Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program**

Grant Summary

Funding Agency:	Office of Justice Programs
Letters of Intent Deadline:	February 12, 2019
Application Deadline:	February 26, 2019
Funding Available:	\$500,000 (Population under 400,000)
Match Requirement:	N/A
Funding Period:	36 months (October 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2022)
Progress Reporting:	Bi-annually
Information Session:	February 6, 2019, 1pm-2:30pm

Summary Information:

The OVW Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking discretionary grant program is designed to encourage State, local, and Tribal governments and State, local, and Tribal courts to treat sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. This program challenges the entire community to listen, communicate, identify problems, and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

Statutory Program Purposes: (All applications must fall within no more than three of the following)

- Implement pro-arrest programs and policies in police department, including policies for protection order violations and enforcement of protection orders across state and tribal lines.
- Develop policies, educational programs, protection order registries, and training in police departments to improve tracking of cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- Centralize and coordinate police enforcement, prosecution, or judicial responsibility for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases in teams or units of police officers, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, or judges.
- Coordinate computer tracking systems and provide the appropriate training and education, to ensure communication between police, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, and both criminal and family courts.
- Strengthen legal advocacy service programs for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including strengthening assistance to such victims in immigration matters.
- Educate judges, courts, and court-based and court-related personnel in criminal and civil courts about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and improve judicial handling of such cases.

- Provide technical assistance and computer and other equipment to police departments, prosecutors, courts, and Tribal jurisdictions to facilitate the widespread enforcement of protection orders, including interstate enforcement, enforcement between States and Tribal jurisdictions, and enforcement between Tribal jurisdictions
- Develop or strengthen policies and training for police, prosecutors, and judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of sexual assault and domestic violence against older individuals and individuals with disabilities.
- Develop State, Tribal, or local policies, procedures, and protocols for preventing dual arrests and prosecutions in cases of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to develop effective methods for identifying the pattern and history of abuse that indicates which party is the actual perpetrator of abuse.
- To plan, develop and establish comprehensive victim service and support centers, such as family justice centers, designed to bring together victim advocates from victim service providers, staff from population specific organizations, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation officers, governmental victim assistants, forensic medical professionals, civil legal attorneys, chaplains, etc.
- Develop and implement policies and training for police, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of sexual assault, with an emphasis on recognizing the threat to the community for repeat crime perpetration by such individuals.
- Develop, enhance, and maintain protection order registries
- Develop human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing programs for sexual assault perpetrators and notification and counseling protocols.
- Develop and implement training programs for prosecutors and other prosecution related personnel regarding best practices to ensure offender accountability, victim safety, and victim consultation.
- Develop or strengthen policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against immigrant victims, including the appropriate use of applications for nonimmigrant status.
- Develop and promote state, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to the crimes, including the appropriate treatment of victims.
- Develop, implement, or enhance sexual assault nurse examiner programs or sexual assault forensic examiner programs, including the hiring and training of such examiners.
- Develop, implement, or enhance Sexual Assault Response Teams or similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.
- Develop and strengthen policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors regarding the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims.
- Provide HIV testing programs, counseling, and prophylaxis for victims of sexual assault.
- Identify and inventory backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and to develop protocols for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including policies and protocols for notifying and involving victims.

- Develop multidisciplinary high-risk teams focusing on reducing domestic violence and dating violence homicides by:
 - a) Using evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of homicide and link high-risk victims to immediate crisis intervention services;
 - b) Identifying and managing high-risk offenders; and
 - c) Providing ongoing victim advocacy and referrals to comprehensive services including legal, housing, health care, and economic assistance.

OVW Priority Areas: Applicant will be given special consideration or receive 10 additional points.

- Reduce violent crime against women and promote victim safety #3,10,14,19,22
 - No less than 75% of proposed goals, objectives, activities, and budget must support law enforcement, prosecution, and/or court partners.
 - Funding can support salaries, fringe benefits, officer overtime, supplies, equipment, training, and travel costs.
 - Under #10 it requires 50%
- Increase the response to victims of trafficking
 - Develop or expand government-led coordinated community response teams, multidisciplinary teams, or sexual assault response teams that focus on the criminal justice response to victims of sex trafficking and other severe forms of trafficking.
 - At least 50% of requested funding must support trafficking activities.

Out-of-Scope Activities or Activities that will not be funded

- Research Projects
- Direct Legal Representation
- Prevention Activities
- Family Violence Services
- Services for Children
- Sex Offender Registry

Mandatory Program Requirements

- HIV Certification
- Certification of Eligibility Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10461 (c)
- Partnerships (MOUs & Letters of Commitment)