



KENTUCKY JUSTICE &
PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET

VAWA 2021

FUNDING SUMMARY

**2021 Violence Against Women Act
Award Recommendations**

Award Period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

INTRODUCTION

This is the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's Funding Summary for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant 2021-2022 Award Recommendations, which will encompass the grant period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

The mission of the JPSC is to ensure the safety and security of Kentucky communities through a fair and impartial administration of taxpayer resources. Our approach centers on protecting citizens, restoring victims and reforming wrongdoers - all in a focused environment where everything is measured for accountability and performance. The Cabinet seeks the best possible return from our public safety investment, using evidence-informed programs, fiscal discipline, and data-driven strategies. Likewise, we are committed to holding offenders to the highest standards of personal accountability and responsibility.

The Grants Management Division (GMD), within the JPSC, prepared this Funding Summary.

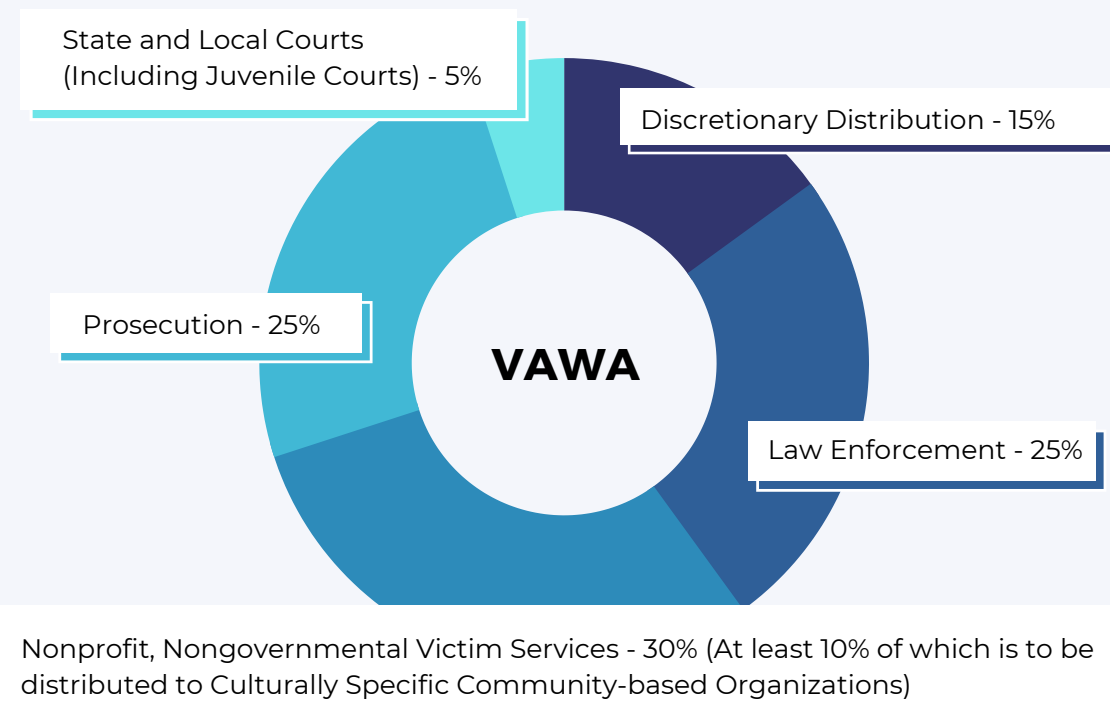
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STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FUNDING

The Services * Training * Officers * Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (CFDA 6.588) is authorized by 34 U.S.C. §§ 10441, 10446–10451. This program supports communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. VAWA STOP funds awarded to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2021 will be awarded to state agencies, units of local government, and nonprofit, non-governmental victim services programs, including those of faith-based and community organizations. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10441(b), subgrants supported through this program must meet one or more of 15 statutory purposes. (See the attached appendix for a list of statutory purposes.)

REQUIRED VAWA FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) requires State Administering Agencies (SAAs) to allocate funds based on the following guidelines:



Awards require 25% cash and/or in-kind match from the subgrantees, with the exception being projects that fall under the category of victim services. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the JPSC requested a one-time blanket match waiver from OVW (similar to what was received for the 2020 VAWA Awards) and is awaiting approval.

STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY

The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (JPSC) is the SAA for federal criminal justice grants in Kentucky. The JPSC coordinates diverse funding sources, including VAWA grants, to assure delivery of the most efficient and effective programs and policies. Within the JPSC, the Grants Management Division (GMD) is responsible for administration of VAWA subawards from application through closeout, as well as subrecipient monitoring and implementation of an annual competitive VAWA solicitation process.

As the SAA, the JPSC has sole discretion to determine which organizations will receive funds, and the amount of their awards, subject to the requirements of VAWA and the provisions of the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ), OVW programmatic and financial guidelines.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY SUMMARY

\$2,202,622 in VAWA STOP funds was awarded to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2021, with 10% allocated to Program Administrative funds and the remaining funds available to subaward to other agencies. Any remaining 2018, 2019 and 2020 VAWA funds will also be utilized to help with funding the 2021 VAWA awards. A “first-in, first-out” accounting method is used to fully expend all open years of funding. Kentucky’s 2021 - 2022 VAWA solicitation conveyed that approximately \$2,000,000 in funding would be available to programs.

VAWA 2021 - 2022 SOLICITATION

As the SAA, Kentucky follows a documented methodology for selecting subrecipients, as well as the US DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women rules and guidelines and typically uses a competitive process to fund eligible subrecipients. The VAWA 2021-2022 solicitation was publicly advertised and open from August 2 to September 15, 2021. Applications were submitted in *Intelligrants 10* (IGX), the JPSC's electronic grants management system. GMD staff were available throughout the application process to offer technical assistance with the IGX platform.

KENTUCKY'S FUNDING PRIORITIES

In 2017, Kentucky adopted a five-year Strategic Plan to guide VAWA funding decisions, which is a required element of VAWA administration process. These priorities, as set forth in the current plan, are:

Kentucky's VAWA Funding Priorities

- 01** Increasing engagement with the principles and ideas of meaningful access
- 02** Ensuring that meaningful access approaches are valued and rewarded throughout the grant process
- 03** Building alliances
- 04** Improving infrastructure and resource sharing

AWARD RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

Requests for funding must meet several criteria: budgeted expenditures should be allowable under the current VAWA regulations, reasonable and necessary for the project. Since VAWA funding has remained relatively stable for a period of years, funding recommendations are based on incremental, sustainable growth and a documented need for continuing programs. A fair and consistent methodology was applied to all application review and recommendation decisions. Applicants were notified of the application review criteria and process through the solicitation. The process is summarized below.

VAWA 2021-2022 AWARD RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

Application Review

Each application was reviewed by at least one external Subject Matter Expert (SME). SMEs generated reviewer comments for each application, which will be made available to applicants upon request. Additionally, each application was reviewed by three (3) members of the GMD staff/internal SMEs who also generated reviewer comments.

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessments were completed jointly in IGX by VAWA Program and Financial Managers assigned to each award. These staff have the most

VAWA 2021-2022 AWARD RECOMMENDATION PROCESS (CONTINUED)

familiarity with each subrecipient. Of the 33 applications, all were assessed as low risk. No applications were received for projects that met the threshold to be considered moderate or high risk.

Group Review Meetings

GMD staff/internal SMEs met on November 12 to review the applications and reviewer comments generated by SMEs, and make initial funding recommendations. After review of risk assessments and a November 15 meeting with the GMD Director, final recommendations were compiled for further review and this report was prepared.



AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

\$2,148,406 in VAWA 2021-2022 awards were recommended by GMD in support of 30 projects. For fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022, 33 VAWA applications - 27 continuing and six (6) new - were submitted with requested budget amounts totaling \$3,131,923.

- To ensure that available funds are maximized, all 2020 grantees who applied for 2021 awards are recommended for funding at the lesser of the amount requested in their 2021 application or the funding amount awarded for 2020.
- Three (3) new projects – City of Georgetown, Warren County Fiscal Court and Legal Aid Society, Inc. – are recommended for funding.
- Three (3) new projects – The Sunshine Center, The Well of Lexington and University Medical Center, Inc. – applied for VAWA funding, but are not recommended for funding at this time. Any new programs not recommended for VAWA funding will be offered technical assistance during the coming year for possible future funding opportunities.

VAWA 2021-2022 Awarded Agency	Program Area	Recommendation
Administrative Office of the Courts	Courts	\$99,118
Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of KY	Victim Services	\$5,950
Baptist Hardin Foundation	Law Enforcement	\$77,716
Barren River Area Safe Space, Inc.	Victim Services	\$49,144
Bethany House Abuse Shelter	Victim Services	\$44,382
Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc.	Victim Services	\$51,197
Christian County Attorney's Office	Prosecution	\$78,410
Chrysalis House, Inc.	Victim Services	\$51,830
Daviess County Attorney's Office	Prosecution	\$59,543
D.O.V.E.S. of Gateway	Victim Services	\$59,890
Office of the Fayette County Sheriff	Law Enforcement	\$147,708
City of Georgetown	Law Enforcement	\$54,162
GreenHouse17	Victim Services	\$55,000
Hope Harbor	Victim Services	\$67,677
Jefferson County Attorney's Office	Prosecution	\$163,119
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs	Discretionary	\$240,000
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Discretionary	\$117,112
Kentucky Office of the Attorney General	Prosecution	\$29,100
Legal Aid Society, Inc.	Discretionary	\$10,000

VAWA 2021-2022 Awarded Agency	Program Area	Recommendation
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government	Law Enforcement	\$50,000
Lotus	Law Enforcement	\$64,659
Merryman House	Victim Services	\$56,264
New Beginnings	Victim Services	\$40,000
Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky, Inc.	Victim Services	\$64,618
Scott County Hospitality House	Victim Services	\$30,000
SpringHaven, Inc.	Victim Services	\$59,799
The Center for Women and Families, Inc.	Victim Services	\$39,434
The Nest - Center for Women, Children & Families	Victim Services	\$116,780
Warren County Fiscal Court	Prosecution	\$56,051
Ion Center for Violence Prevention	Victim Services	\$109,743
TOTAL		\$2,148,406

FINAL APPROVAL

GMD's award recommendations will be submitted to JPSC Leadership and the Governor's Office for final review.

APPENDIX

VAWA STOP PURPOSE AREAS

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10441(b), subgrants supported through the VAWA STOP program must meet one or more of the following purposes:

- 01** Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking including the use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a));
- 02** Developing, training, or expanding 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, domestic violence, and stalking;
- 03** Developing and implementing 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, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking as well as the appropriate treatment of victims;
- 04** Developing, installing, or expanding 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- 05** Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court



advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;

- 06** Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- 07** 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- 08** 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;
- 09** Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals; investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals;
- 10** Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters;
- 11** Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families;



- 12** 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, and stalking.

Jessica Gonzalez Victim Assistants:

- Develop, 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;
- Notify persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency;
- Refer persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and;
- Take other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.



13 Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, nonprofit non-governmental 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:

- 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 (IACP) (“Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project” July 2003); and
- The development of such protocols in collaboration with State, Tribal, Territorial and local victim services providers and domestic violence coalitions.



Note: Any law enforcement, State, Tribal, Territorial, or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program shall, on an annual basis, receive additional training on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel from domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations and, after a period of two (2) years, provide a report of the adopted protocol to the Department, including a summary of progress in implementing such protocol. As such, States and Territories are responsible for ensuring that each subgrantee receiving funds under this purpose area will receive the required annual training. States are

also responsible for ensuring that subgrantees submit their two-year report to the Department. States and Territories must notify and provide OVW with a list of subgrantee recipients awarded STOP funds under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program.

- 14 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 Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs), or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.

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