

VAWA 2022

FUNDING SUMMARY

**2022-2023 Violence Against Women Act
Award Recommendations**

Award Period: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

INTRODUCTION

This is the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's Funding Summary for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant 2022-2023 Award Recommendations, which will encompass the grant period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

The mission of the KJPSC 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 KJPSC, prepared this Funding Summary.

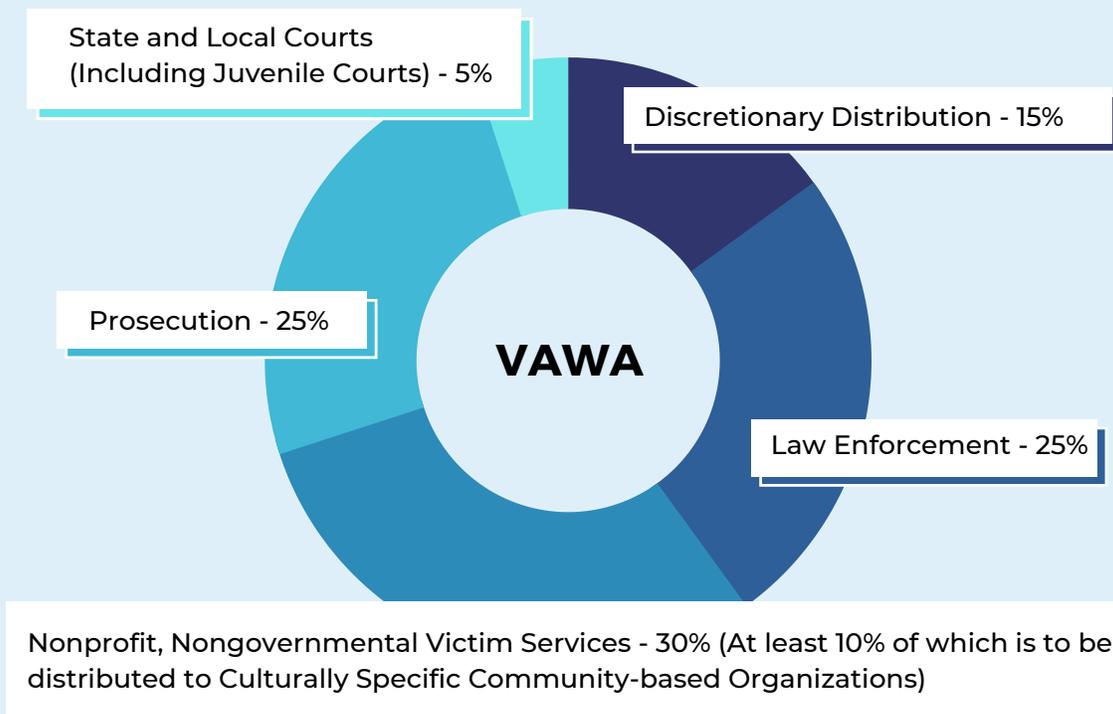
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STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FUNDING

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 2022 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.

STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY

The Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet (KJPSC) is the State Administering Agency (SAA) for federal criminal justice grants in Kentucky. The KJPSC coordinates diverse funding sources, including VAWA grants, to assure delivery of the most efficient and effective programs and policy development. Within the KJPSC, 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 KJPSC 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 US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) programmatic and financial guidelines.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY SUMMARY

\$2,033,583 in VAWA STOP funds were awarded to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2022, with 10% allocated to Program Administrative funds and the remaining funds available to subaward to other agencies. Any remaining 2019, 2020 and 2021 VAWA funds will also be utilized to help with funding the 2022 VAWA awards. A “first-in, first-out” accounting method is used to fully expend all open years of funding. Kentucky’s VAWA solicitation conveyed that approximately \$2,000,000 in funding would be available to programs.

VAWA 2022 - 2023 SOLICITATION

As the SAA, Kentucky follows a documented methodology for selecting subrecipients, follows the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women rules and guidelines and typically uses a competitive process to fund eligible subrecipients. The VAWA 2022-23 solicitation was publicly advertised and open from August 1 to September 15, 2022. Applications were submitted in Intelligrants 10 (IGX), the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet'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 2022, Kentucky adopted a new, four-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** Providing non-discriminatory, accessible, culturally appropriate services through meaningful access to all victims of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence and stalking including those from historically marginalized, unserved, and underserved, and inadequately served populations and culturally specific communities.
- 02** Increasing access to quality, affordable, and culturally competent, legal services for victims of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking who cannot afford to access these services through private counsel.
- 03** Increasing the use of community coordinated, multidisciplinary responses to dating/domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking which focus on including and improving the medical component of the response.
- 04** Improving and expanding stalking specific services and resources.
- 05** Reducing the number of domestic violence-related homicides in Kentucky.

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 2022-2023 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 at least three members of the GMD staff/internal SMEs who also generated reviewer comments.

Group Review Meetings

GMD staff/Internal SMEs met on November 15 to review the applications, and the review comments of the Subject Matter Experts and made initial funding recommendations. After a November 16 meeting with the GMD Director, final recommendations were compiled for further review and this report was prepared.

AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

For FY2022-2023, 34 VAWA applications were submitted with requested budget amounts totaling \$3,034,107. Of those 34 applications, 33 projects are currently recommended for funding in the amount of **\$2,031,231**.

- Three new projects – La Casita Center, Inc. and Barren County Attorney and Louisville Metro Police Department – are recommended for funding.
- One new project – Saint Joseph Catholic Orphan Society – applied for VAWA funding but is not recommended. Any new programs not recommended for VAWA funding will be offered technical assistance during the coming year for possible future funding opportunities.

VAWA 2022-2023 Awarded Agency	Program Area	Recommendation
Administrative Office of the Courts	Courts	\$91,511
Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of KY	Victim Services	\$4,760
Baptist Hardin Foundation	Law Enforcement	\$69,944
Barren County Attorney	Prosecution	\$78,410
Barren River Area Safe Space, Inc.	Victim Services	\$39,315
Bethany House Abuse Shelter	Victim Services	\$35,506
Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc.	Victim Services	\$40,958
Christian County Attorney's Office	Prosecution	\$78,410
Chrysalis House, Inc.	Victim Services	\$41,464
Daviess County Attorney's Office	Prosecution	\$78,410
D.O.V.E.S. of Gateway	Victim Services	\$47,912
Office of the Fayette County Sheriff	Law Enforcement	\$132,937
City of Georgetown	Law Enforcement	\$48,746
Green River Regional Rape Victim Services	Victim Services	\$32,000
GreenHouse17	Victim Services	\$44,000
Hope Harbor	Victim Services	\$54,142
Jefferson County Attorney's Office	Prosecution	\$163,119
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs	Discretionary	\$180,000
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Discretionary	\$87,834

VAWA 2021-2022 Awarded Agency	Program Area	Recommendation
Kentucky Office of the Attorney General	Prosecution	\$29,100
La Casita Center, Inc.	Victim Services (Culturally Specific)	\$54,907
Legal Aid Society, Inc.	Victim Services	\$8,000
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government	Law Enforcement	\$45,000
Louisville Metro Police Department	Law Enforcement	\$70,077
Rape Victim Services Inc. dba Lotus	Law Enforcement	\$58,193
Merryman House	Victim Services	\$45,011
Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky, Inc.	Victim Services	\$51,694
Scott County Hospitality House	Victim Services	\$24,000
SpringHaven, Inc.	Victim Services	\$47,839
The Center for Women and Families, Inc.	Victim Services	\$31,547
The Nest - Center for Women, Children & Families	Victim Services	\$93,424
Ion Center for Violence Prevention	Victim Services	\$87,794
Warren County Fiscal Court- Drug Task Force	Victim Services	\$35,266
	TOTAL	\$2,031,230

FINAL APPROVAL

GMD's award recommendations will be forwarded to KJPSC Executive Leadership and the Governor's Office for final review.

APPENDIX

VAWA STOP PURPOSE AREAS

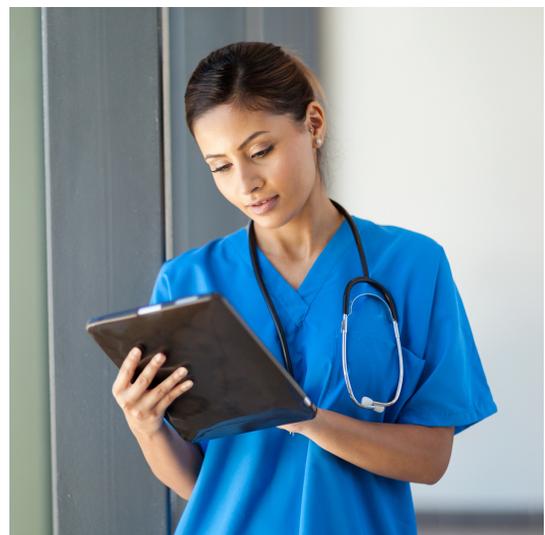
Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10441(b), subgrants supported through the VAWA STOP program must meet one or more of the following purposes:

- 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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