



VAWA

Violence Against Women Act

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VAWA

- *Violence Against Women Act*
 - 1994
 - *Reauthorization 2000*
 - *Reauthorization 2005*



Federal Agency

- The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, provides national leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through the implementation of the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#). Created in 1995, OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.



Overview of programs objectives

- Develop the nation's capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable for their actions.

Mision

- The mission of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is to provide federal leadership to reduce violence against women, and to administer justice for and strengthen services to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This is accomplished by developing and supporting the capacity of state, local, tribal, and non-profit entities involved in responding to violence against women.

VAWA programs

- STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program
 - Grants are awarded to states to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims.
 - Eligible/Allocations: 25% law enforcement, 25% prosecution, 5% courts, and 30% victim services, 15% discretionary within the parameters of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
 - 3 years Implementation Plan



VAWA programs

□ Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program

- The Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program is designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against Indian women, enhance victim safety, and develop education and prevention strategies. Eligible applicants are recognized Indian tribal governments or their authorized designees.

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- Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders
 - This **discretionary** grant program is designed to **encourage** state, local, and tribal governments and state, local, and tribal courts to **treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system**. Eligible applicants are States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and state, local, tribal, and territorial courts.

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□ Rural Grant Program

- This **discretionary** grant program is designed to **enhance services available to rural victims and children by encouraging community involvement in developing a coordinated response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse.** Eligible applicants are states, Indian tribes, local governments, and nonprofit, public or private entities, including tribal nonprofit organizations, proposing to serve rural areas or rural communities. Not less than **75 percent** of the total funding available for the program is for eligible entities located in **rural states**.

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- Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program
 - This **discretionary** grant program is designed to **strengthen civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence.** Eligible applicants include private nonprofit entities, territorial organizations, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity such as law schools.

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□ Campus Grant Program

- The Campus Program is designed to **strengthen the higher education community's response to sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence crimes on campuses**, and to enhance collaboration between campuses and local criminal justice and victim advocacy organizations. Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education.

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□ State Coalitions Grant Program

- Grants are awarded to each state domestic violence coalition and sexual assault coalition for the purposes of **coordinating state victim services activities and collaborating and coordinating with Federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities.**

- DV= Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. § 10410 et seq.).
- SA=Center for Injury Prevention and Control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 280b et seq.).

□ Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions

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- Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program
 - This **discretionary** grant program is designed to address the issue of **elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against victims who are 50 years of age or older, through training and services**. Eligible applicants include States, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, units of local government, and nonprofit nongovernmental victim services organizations with **demonstrated experience in assisting elderly women or demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking**.

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- Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities
 - This **discretionary** grant program is designed **to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against individuals with disabilities and to provide direct services to such individuals.** Eligible applicants are States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations, and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations.

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- Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program
 - This **discretionary** grant program helps **create safe places for visitation with and exchange of children in cases of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.** Eligible applicants are States, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments.

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□ Transitional Housing Grant Program

- This **discretionary** grant program provides **transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services** for individuals who are homeless, or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of fleeing a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are **unavailable or insufficient**. Support services should be designed to enable an individual fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and to integrate into a community...



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....Such services may include transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other services. Eligible applicants are States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim services providers, domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking

VAWA programs (new 2005)

- Children and Youth Exposed to Violence Grant Program
 - Will fund projects that **seek to mitigate the effects of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on children and youth exposed to violence and reduce the risk of future victimization or perpetration of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.** The program will support projects that provide services for children including direct counseling, advocacy, or mentoring. Projects funded under these grants must include support for the non-abusing parent or the child's caretaker.



VAWA programs (new 2005)

□ Engaging Men and Youth Program

- Will fund projects that **develop or enhance new or existing efforts to engage men and youth in preventing crimes of violence against women with the goal of developing mutually respectful, nonviolent relationships.**

VAWA programs (new 2005)

- Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Grant Program
 - The Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Grant Program, created by the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), will fund projects that design (or replicate) and implement programs and services-using established domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking intervention models-to respond to the needs of youth who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

VAWA programs (new 2005)

□ Sexual Assault Services Program

- **First federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.** The SASP encompasses four different funding streams States and Territories, Tribes, State Sexual Assault Coalitions, Tribal Coalitions, and culturally specific organizations. **Provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.**

VAWA and Recovery Act

- STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program
 - **\$140 million** for the to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance services and advocacy to victims, improve the criminal justice system's response, and promote effective law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. **Puerto Rico-WAO will receive \$1,978,993.**
 - CCR registration and DUNS number for ALL subgrantees

VAWA and Recovery Act

- State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions
 - **\$8.75 million** to support the coordination of state victim services activities, including collaboration and coordination with federal, state, and local entities. State Sexual Assault Coalitions and State Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to **\$78,125** each, and dual Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to **\$156,250**. Eligible applicants are HHS-designated State coalitions.

VAWA and Recovery Act

- Transitional Housing Assistance Program
 - **\$43 million** to provide holistic, victim-centered transitional housing services and related support services that move individuals into permanent housing. Eligible applicants include States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and other organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Tribal Governments Grant Program
 - **\$20.8 million**
- Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions
 - **\$2.8 million**

Restrictions

□ **READ** the guides

■ Certifications

- VAWA (policies, protocols)
- Non supplanting
- Standard Assurances (Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension Drug-Fee)
- Letters (consulting, approving, involvement)
- Civil Rights, Financial and Government Audit Requirements...
- Practices that compromise survivors safety are not allowed (example, mediation, counseling for couples, trivializing offender's criminal behavior/pre-trial, forces victims to cooperate with criminal procedures, placing batter in anger management programs, penalize victims for failure to testify against their abuser...)



Restrictions

- Programs purposes areas
- Program purpose priorities
- Reporting
 - Quarterly financial
 - Annual or semi annual progress reports
- Local priorities established by consultation process

Additional information

- OVW web site <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/>

The screenshot shows the website for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) within the United States Department of Justice. The browser window title is "USDOJ: Office on Violence Against Women - Windows Internet Explorer" and the address bar shows "http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/".

The website features a header with the Department of Justice logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are several main sections:

- Recovery.gov**: A section titled "OVW Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestments Act of 2009" with a sub-link "NEW - Solicitations Available".
- Notice Regarding Grants.gov and the Application Process**: A notice for applicants to read an "important and time-sensitive notice" regarding Grants.gov.
- New FY 2009 Grant Program Solicitations**: A section providing information on current open solicitations and a link to "www.grants.gov".
- OVW Program Quick Links**: A list of links to various grant programs, including Abuse in Later Life Program, Campus Grant Program, Disability Grant Program, Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders, Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program, Rural Grant Program, STOP Grant Program, State Coalitions Grant Program, Supervised Visitation Grant Program, Transitional Housing Grant Program, Tribal Coalition Program, Tribal Governments Program, and OVW's New Programs.

The left sidebar contains a search bar and a list of navigation links, including "ABOUT OVW", "MESSAGES FROM OVW'S DIRECTOR", "HELP FOR VICTIMS", "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE", "SEXUAL ASSAULT", "STALKING", "DATING VIOLENCE", "OVW GRANT PROGRAMS", "INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS", "OVW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES", "FACT SHEETS", "OVW SPECIAL INITIATIVES", "FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES", "SAFETY FOR INDIAN WOMEN", and "REPORTS TO CONGRESS".

The bottom of the browser window shows the Windows taskbar with the Start button, open applications, and the system tray displaying the time as 22:40.

Additional information

- OVW Recovery Act web site
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm>

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm>. The page features a header with the United States Department of Justice logo and the text "OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN". The main content area is titled "Message about OVW Recovery Act Programs" and includes a "Dear Friends," salutation. The message discusses the signing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) on February 17, 2009, and its impact on the economy and infrastructure. It also mentions President Obama's vision for the economy and the Attorney General's priority to protect the most vulnerable and victimized. The message concludes with a list of funding opportunities, including a \$140 million grant program for the Services Training Officers Prosecutors Formula Grant Program (STOP Program).

Message about OVW Recovery Act Programs

Dear Friends,

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(Recovery Act\)](#), an extraordinary plan to invigorate our economy, create and save millions of jobs, and address the infrastructure needs of our country and economy to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

President Obama inspires us as we implement his vision for the economy. While [addressing the nation this week](#) before a joint session of Congress, President Obama said, "What is required now is for this country to pull together, confront boldly the challenges we face, and take responsibility for our future once more."

Most important to us, this legislation invests in the President and the Attorney General's priority to protect the most vulnerable and victimized.

Specifically, the [Recovery Act](#) provides \$225 million to the [Office on Violence Against Women](#) for five of its existing programs:

- **\$140 million** for the [Services Training Officers Prosecutors Formula Grant Program \(STOP Program\)](#) to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance services and advocacy to victims, improve the criminal justice system's response, and promote effective law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Applicants are limited to U.S. states and territories. State

OVW Recovery Act Programs

OVW Recovery Home

- [Information at a Glance](#)
- [STOP Program State Allocations](#)
- [STOP Grant FAQs](#)
- [Recovery Act Information for Applicants](#)

DOJ Recovery Act

- [Department of Justice](#)
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Recovery Act Legislation

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