S.T.O.P. (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Program Title: STOP Grants
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PROGRAM Information

Detailed description of the program for which funding is requested:	The S.T.O.P. (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a formula grant program awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office Violence Against Women. VAWA promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing victim advocacy and improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. It encourages the development and improvement of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and improvement of advocacy and services in cases involving violent crimes against women. By statute, VAWA funds are distributed by an allocation formula: 30 percent to victim services, 25 percent to law enforcement, 25 percent to prosecution, 5 percent to courts and 15 percent discretionary. All VAWA grant activity must fall within one of the following statutory purpose areas: 1) Training law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, and other court personnel to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women. 2) Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, and other court personnel specifically targeting violent crimes against women. 3) Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, and protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women. 4) Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women. 5) Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence 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.

6) Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.

7) Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women.

8) 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.

9) 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.

10) 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 or sexual assault, 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.

11) Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.

12) Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families.

13) 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:

   a. Develop, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including triage protocols to ensure that dangerous or potentially lethal cases are identified and prioritized.

   b. Notify persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency.

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c. Refer persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services).

d. Take other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.

14) Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, nonprofit nongovernmental victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments. These funding streams shall be known as the *Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program* and promote:

a. The development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and the funding of 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.

b. 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 Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project" July 2003).

c. The development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial, and local victim services providers and domestic violence coalitions.

By statute, OVW will award a base amount of $600,000 to each State. Funds remaining after the allocated base amount will be distributed among the States according to population. The most accurate and complete data compiled by the United States Bureau of the Census is used to determine the State populations. By statute, Indian Tribal populations are not included in the population count.

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If this program already has federal authorization, please list the public law number and section in known.

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If this is an existing federal program, what statewide programs are supported by this funding? How do these programs benefit Illinois residents?

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The victim service portion (30%) of this grant goes to Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. The coalitions then distribute these funds to their local member agencies.

This allows for funding to go to local agencies that can offer services to victims from the local population. Victims are offered services that can make their specific needs and be considerate of any cultural issues.

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Do any of these state programs target or benefit a specific district

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in Illinois?	One of the best examples is the four funded multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs). The MDTs bring together law enforcement, prosecution, probation/ courts and victim service agency and they work as a team to help the victim. The four MDTs are Peoria, McLean, St. Clair and Kankakee counties.
Please provide a brief history of previous federal funding for this program including the fiscal year and amount.	Fiscal Year Award 2010 $ 4,362,041 2009 ARRA $ 4,584,929 2009 $ 3,953,235 2008 $ 3,612,196 2007 $ 3,457,939