

**Violence Against Women Act Sexual Assault Service Program (SASP)**

**Program Title:** Sexual Assault Service Act Program  
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**PROGRAM Information**

<p><b>Detailed description of the program for which funding is requested:</b></p>	<p>The Violence Against Women Act Sexual Assault Service Program (SASP) was created in the reauthorization of the VAWA in 2005. It is a formula grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Violence Against Women. SASP is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to 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.</p> <p>By statute, OVW will award a base amount to each State and Territory. Funds remaining after the allocated base amount will be distributed among the States and Territories based on population, including Tribal populations. The most accurate and complete data compiled by the United States Bureau of the Census is used to determine the populations.</p>				
<p><b>If this program already has federal authorization, please list the public law number and section in known.</b></p>	<p>PL 111-117 * 3131</p>				
<p><b>If this is an existing federal program, what statewide programs are supported by this funding? How do these programs benefit Illinois residents?</b></p>	<p>This funding is awarded to the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (I-CASA). I-CASA then distributes funds to the local rape crisis centers. I-CASA’s member agencies provide services in 89 Illinois counties.</p> <p>Sexual assault victims are offered free and confidential advocacy and counseling services. Sexual assault victims often do not seek assistance after being raped because they are uncertain about how helpful or sympathetic people will be to their victimization. Also, victims fear reprisal from the offender, hours of waiting and questioning at police and state’s attorney’s offices, and further violation of their emotional and physical condition. Rape crisis services can aid the victim in navigating these barriers and aid with recovery and system responses.</p>				
<p><b>Do any of these state programs target or benefit a specific district in Illinois?</b></p>	<p>This state program benefits the entire state.</p>				
<p><b>Please provide a brief history of previous federal funding for this</b></p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Fiscal Year</td> <td>Award</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>\$ 247,963</td> </tr> </table>	Fiscal Year	Award	2010	\$ 247,963
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<b>program including the fiscal year and amount.</b>	2009	\$ 353,084
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