

U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)



OVW Fiscal Year 2011 Technical Assistance Program

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to nonprofit national, tribal or statewide organizations and institutions of higher education.
(See "Eligibility," page 5)

Deadline

To assist OVW in planning for the application review process, letters of intent to apply should be submitted by April 28, 2011. Please note, however, that letters of intent are optional. Interested applicants who do not submit a letter of intent by the deadline are still eligible to apply. To ensure all applicants have ample time to complete the registration process through Grants.Gov, applicants should register online with Grants.gov by May 10, 2011.

All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. E.T. on May 25, 2011.**

(See "Deadline: Application," page 4)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact OVW at (202) 307-6026.

In Fiscal Year 2011, OVW applications will be submitted through Grants.gov. For further information and assistance, please see the OVW Grant Program Solicitation Reference Guide at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/resource-guidebook.pdf>.

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All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by September 30, 2011.

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OVW Technical Assistance Program (CFDA 16.526)

Overview

This solicitation contains information on how to apply for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Technical Assistance Program. For general information on applying for all OVW grant programs, please see the OVW Fiscal Year 2011 Grant Program Solicitation Reference Guide (Reference Guide) at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/resource-guidebook.pdf>. All applicants should read carefully both this solicitation and the Reference Guide before beginning the application process.

About the OVW Technical Assistance Program

Since 1995, OVW's Technical Assistance Program has provided OVW grantees with the training, expertise, and problem-solving strategies they need to meet the challenges of addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. OVW's technical assistance projects have offered educational opportunities, conferences, peer-to-peer consultations, site visits, and tailored assistance that has allowed OVW grantees and others to learn from experts and one another about how to effectively respond to crimes of violence against women.

In shaping its technical assistance program, OVW has actively solicited input from its grantees to ensure that efforts are responsive to the needs and concerns of local communities. As part of its commitment to continuous improvement, OVW seeks feedback on a regular basis from its grant recipients so that the technical assistance can be enhanced and refined as necessary to meet the needs of communities.

The primary purpose of the OVW TA Program is to provide direct assistance to grantees and subgrantees to enhance the success of local projects they are implementing with VAWA grant funds. In addition, OVW is focused on building the capacity of criminal justice and victim services organizations to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to foster partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address violence against women.

Civil Rights Compliance

All recipients of Federal grant funds are required to comply with nondiscrimination requirements contained in various Federal laws. In the event that a court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, or age against a recipient of funds after a due process hearing, the recipient must agree to forward a copy of the finding to the Office for Civil Rights of Office of Justice Programs (OJP). All applicants should consult the Assurances required with the application to understand the applicable legal and administrative requirements.

Services to Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) Persons:

National origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, recipients are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to their programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including interpretation and translation services, where necessary. Grantees are encouraged to consider the need for language services for LEP persons served or encountered both in developing their proposals and budgets and in conducting their programs and activities. Reasonable costs associated with providing meaningful access for LEP individuals are considered allowable program costs. The U.S. Department of Justice has issued guidance for grantees to assist them in complying with Title VI requirements. The guidance document can be accessed on the Internet at www.lep.gov or by contacting the OJP's Office for Civil Rights at (202) 307-0690, or by writing to the following address:

Office for Civil Rights
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice
810 7th Street, N.W., 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20531

Deadline: Letter of Intent

If you intend to apply for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funding under this program, we encourage you to submit a letter stating that you intend to apply for funding. **The letter will not obligate you to submit an application.** Please see http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/sample_letter_of_intent.pdf for a sample letter. The letter should be submitted to OVW by **April 28, 2011**. You may send the letter to OVW at OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov. OVW will use these letters to predict the number of review panels needed to review the applications. You *may* still submit an application for funding if you do not submit a Letter of Intent.

Deadline: Registration

The Grants.gov registration deadline is May 10, 2011. For more information on the process of registering and applying in Grants.gov, please see the [Reference Guide](#) at pages 15-19.

Deadline: Application

An application submission is complete if (a) a hard copy of the entire application, with original signatures, has been submitted via overnight delivery on or before the deadline and (b) the application has been submitted through Grants.gov. Both electronic and hard copy submissions are required.

The deadline for applying for funding under this announcement is **May 25, 2011, 11:59 p.m. E.T.** A hard copy must be sent via an overnight delivery method, date stamped by the shipping company on or before May 25, 2011 to:

**The Office on Violence Against Women
c/o Lockheed Martin Aspen Systems Corporation
OVW Technical Assistance Program
Mail Stop 2K
2277 Research Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 519-5000**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications well in advance of the deadline to ensure a successful submission through Grants.gov. For information on OVW's policy for late applications, please see the [Reference Guide](#) at pages 17-19.

Eligibility

It is very important that you review this information carefully. Applications that are submitted by non-eligible entities will be screened out during an initial review process and omitted from further review.

Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit national, tribal, or statewide organizations and institutions of higher education. Eligible applicants must have the capacity to provide training and technical assistance on a national level.

OVW Technical Assistance Program – Specific Information

Types of Applicants

In FY 2011, OVW will accept applications for the OVW Technical Assistance Program from any nonprofit national, tribal, or statewide organization or institution of higher education that can demonstrate the capacity to provide training and technical assistance on a national level. Please note that OVW will not accept applications from individuals or from governmental entities. Applicants may partner with one or more organizations to ensure the appropriate expertise is available to implement the project successfully. OVW will accept applications for new projects regardless whether the organization has previously received funding under this program. Organizations currently funded through the OVW Technical Assistance Program must apply through this solicitation to be eligible to receive continuation or supplemental funds for an existing project. Organizations that received or are receiving an 18, 24 or 36 month award under the FY 2010 Technical Assistance solicitation are not eligible to apply for a supplement to that award under this solicitation. However, these organizations may submit an application for a new project that addresses one or more of the targeted topic areas listed in this solicitation.

Type of Awards

Applicants should be aware that awards will be made as cooperative agreements. As such, OVW will play a substantial role in shaping and monitoring the project, including, but not limited to: reviewing and approving content and format of materials produced in conjunction with the project; participating in project-related planning meetings and conference calls; identifying and

approving individuals to serve as keynote speakers, facilitators, faculty, consulting or working group members; and approving sites and dates for all project-related activities. In addition, OVW will expect flexibility from cooperative agreement recipients, as changes to the project scope may be necessary to address new circumstances that may arise.

Availability of Funds

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Funding is not guaranteed. Requests should be tied to a specific project or proposal. Applicants should be aware that the amount of technical assistance funding available under each program does vary and should take this under consideration when developing their technical assistance proposal. Applicants should also be aware that OVW generally makes multiple technical assistance awards under each grant program.

As FY 2011 appropriations are not yet available, we have provided a breakdown of the level of funding that was available in FY 2010 for technical assistance, by Program, to use as a general reference.

FY 2010 OVW Programs	Amount Available for TA
Campus Program	\$760,000
Children & Youth Exposed Program	\$240,000
Community-Defined Solutions/Arrest Program	\$4,800,000
Court Training Program	\$3,000,000
Cultural & Linguistically Specific Program	\$612,000
Disabilities Program	\$540,000
Elder Program	\$340,000
Engaging Men & Youth Program	\$240,000
Legal Assistance for Victims Program	\$3,280,000
Rural Program	\$3,280,000
Sexual Assault Services Program	\$375,000
State Domestic Violence Coalitions Program	\$474,000
State Sexual Assault Coalitions Program	\$474,000
STOP Formula	\$16,800,000
Supervised Visitation Program	\$1,120,000
STEP Program	\$125,000
Transitional Housing Program	\$900,000
Tribal Coalitions Program	\$314,400
Tribal Governments Program	\$3,117,600
Youth Services Program	\$280,000

Award Period

The award period for these cooperative agreements will generally be 12, 24, or 36 months. Award periods for a very small number of awards will be five years (see *Program Scope-Comprehensive Technical Assistance Initiatives* below). For 12, 24, or 36-month projects, **budgets must reflect 12, 24, or 36 months of project activity and the total “estimated funding” (block 15) on the SF-424 must reflect this amount.**

If a project is funded as a five-year project, it will initially receive 24 months of funding. Depending on the success of the first two years of the project, an organization will non-

competitively apply for the remaining 36 months of funds in FY 2013. Therefore, for five year projects, **budgets must reflect 24 months of project activity and the total “estimated funding” (block 15) on the SF-424 must reflect this amount.**

Award Amounts

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs and anticipated program funding availability. OVW Technical Assistance Program funds for FY 2011 will be awarded based on the following guidelines:

- Twelve month projects are eligible for up to \$225,000.
- Twenty-four month projects are eligible for up to \$450,000.
- Thirty-six month projects are eligible for up to \$900,000.

Organizations applying for five-year comprehensive projects should seriously consider the amount of money it will take to implement such a project, clearly present the costs and clearly justify all costs for the project. FY 2011 applications will only budget for the first 24 months of the project.

Budget caps listed above are “up to” amounts. OVW has the discretion to award cooperative agreements for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a cooperative agreement.

OVW has a limited amount of technical assistance funds available to support technical assistance for all of its grantees, and therefore, **all applicants should exercise prudence when developing their budgets.**

Projects targeting the recipients of STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program or Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program subgrants or Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions must include sufficient funds to cover grantee and subgrantee travel expenses.

Program Scope

Overall, the OVW Technical Assistance Program is highly competitive. Technical assistance funds derive from statutorily-defined percentages from each of the OVW grant programs, hence smaller programs have smaller amounts of technical assistance funds available, making them more competitive than the larger programs. Because the funding comes from the OVW grant programs, technical assistance activities must be tied to purpose areas of the programs (see Appendix A), and OVW technical assistance must be provided to OVW grantees or potential grantees. To learn more about OVW’s grant programs, go to www.ovw.usdoj.gov and click on “OVW Grant Programs.”

All OVW technical assistance projects must provide training and technical assistance on a *national* level. Local and regional projects will not be considered for funding, nor will projects that focus on the needs of a single State or tribe (with the exception of technical assistance designed to address the unique needs of Alaska Natives and Alaska Native Villages). OVW will consider, on a limited basis, projects targeting multi-state or multi-tribal grantees.

Targeted Technical Assistance Projects

OVW seeks applications that address the targeted topic areas identified below. All applications must be tied to one or more of the purpose areas listed in Appendix A and must predominantly serve the grant or subgrant recipients or potential grant or subgrant recipients of one or more OVW grant programs.

In addition, if an applicant wishes to submit an application that does not address one of the topic areas listed below, they may do so, but they will be required to submit additional justification regarding the need for the project, how it relates to an OVW program purpose area (Appendix B), and the intended grantee audience.

Organizations may submit applications covering multiple topic areas; however, they must submit separate and distinct applications for each project. An individual application should be very targeted in its purpose and, when appropriate, focus on grant recipients from one OVW program rather than multiple programs. Organizations are highly discouraged from submitting more than one application targeting a single OVW program.

OVW is interested in supporting the following targeted topic areas:

- Provide basic and/or advanced training on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking for: probation officials; court personnel; SANEs; child protection officials; mental health professionals; judges; faith-based organizations; law enforcement officers; prosecutors; housing providers; non-profit, nongovernmental victim advocates; and other relevant partners responding to such crimes.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the establishment and/or sustainability of SANE programs to include encouraging best practices and innovative methods of ensuring access to and the provision of medical forensic examinations to all victims of sexual assault.
- Provide basic and/or advanced training to tribal communities on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking for tribal court personnel, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, tribal leaders, tribal advocates and other relevant partners responding to such crimes.
- Provide basic training to tribal communities in development of Batterers Intervention Programs.
- Provide training and technical assistance to tribal communities in development of teen dating violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention programs.
- Develop and implement culturally specific training and technical assistance addressing the unique challenges facing Alaska Native Villages for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.
- Support OVW in conducting an analysis of the scope and nature of problems related to enforcement of tribal court protection orders in order to improve the level of cooperation among tribal and state courts and law enforcement agencies.
- Provide expert witness training for legal advocates and/or non-profit, nongovernmental victim services attorneys.

- Provide trial advocacy and/or litigation skills training for attorneys.
- Support the OVW Legal Assistance for Victims Unit in conducting outreach to non-OVW grantees who are nonprofit, nongovernmental victims service providers, state coalitions, and/or culturally and linguistically specific organizations. Outreach efforts would include training to the aforementioned organizations on establishing “in-house” legal services and/or enhancing the provision of existing legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- Support and closely partner with OVW by facilitating logistics for non-lawyer legal advocate trainings for staff of legal services programs and/or non-profit, nongovernmental domestic violence and sexual assault organizations on effective legal advocacy for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- Provide technical assistance on developing domestic violence or sexual assault law school clinic programs.
- Provide training and technical assistance for judges, attorneys, and legal advocates on the problem of battered women losing custody of their children to a batterer or child protective services.
- Provide basic and/or advanced training on immigration for legal advocates and/or non-profit, nongovernmental victim services attorneys, law enforcement, prosecution, probation officials, and judges, including the dynamics of violence against immigrants; services available to immigrant victims; and the legal options for immigrant victims, such as self-petitioning, and U or T Visas.
- Provide training and technical assistance on developing and incorporating domestic violence fatality reviews into the coordinated community response.
- Provide training and technical assistance for communities planning, developing, or enhancing supervised visitation and safe exchange, including, but not limited to, supervised visitation and exchange in the context of domestic violence and supervised visitation centers as part of a coordinated community response.
- Provide training for prosecutors and relevant officers of Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local courts on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.
- Provide technical assistance to communities and relevant professionals in assessing and improving their policies, procedures, and practices related to the investigation of and response to incidents of sexual assault. Technical assistance should address, but not be limited to, improving law enforcement response, reporting and investigation, the collection and storage of forensic evidence, prosecutorial case management, and the integration of appropriate victim services throughout criminal justice intervention.
- Provide training and technical assistance on culturally relevant services for communities of color.

- Provide training and technical assistance to assist OVW grantees in complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which requires award recipients to take reasonable steps to ensure that limited English proficiency (LEP) persons have meaningful access to their programs (see *Civil Rights Compliance* on pp. 3-4).
- Provide training and technical assistance on the intersection of violence against women and mental health.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the intersection of violence against women and substance abuse.
- Provide training and technical assistance to States to improve access to, and payment for, forensic exams for victims of sexual assault who do not wish to report the crime at the time of the exam.
- Provide technical assistance to rape crisis centers, state sexual assault coalitions, and correctional facilities to address the challenges of implementing sexual assault response teams in correctional environments. Applicants for this area need to show expertise on 1) the substantive issues of sexual assault and prison rape when men and/or women are victims; and 2) working with correctional facilities and understanding of the needs of such facilities.
- Provide training and technical assistance related to implementing the recommendations included within the most current version of the *National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations for Adults and Adolescents* and/or the most current version of the *National Training Standards for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiners*.
- Develop and enhance the capacity of rural communities to provide sexual assault services.
- Provide basic and/or advanced coordinated community response training and technical assistance on innovative approaches to responding to children, youth and adult victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking in rural areas or rural communities.
- Develop and enhance the capacity of rural communities to address childhood sexual assault.
- Provide training and technical assistance to improve the issuance and enforcement of protection orders, including implementation of the full faith and credit provision of the Violence Against Women Act.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the development and sustainability of housing options for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking, including VAWA housing protections low-income housing tax credit programs, section 8 vouchers, working with housing authority programs, private landlords, rural housing options.

- Provide training on the transitional housing needs of victims of sexual assault, teen dating violence, and stalking.
- Provide basic and/or advanced training and technical assistance on teen dating violence.
- Provide training and technical assistance on youth driven prevention and parental outreach strategies; effective youth victim advocacy and services; and secondary school strategies to address dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- Support OVW in conducting an analysis of the scope and nature of problems related to children exposed to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, and provide and/or coordinate technical assistance for grantees on various topics to include services, training, coordination, and advocacy in the area of children exposed.
- Provide training and technical assistance related to trafficked persons who are victims of sexual assault.
- Conduct a national needs assessment on the impact of children exposed to violence in communities of color.
- Provide training and technical assistance on the intersection of domestic violence and prisoner re-entry.
- Provide training and technical assistance to assist communities in promoting or enhancing strategies to address homicide prevention and reduction in violence against women cases.

Comprehensive Technical Assistance Initiatives

OVW will support a very small number of five-year comprehensive technical assistance initiatives. Organizations applying under this section must show a demonstrated capacity to serve the targeted audience. Those organizations funded to implement five-year technical assistance initiatives will be awarded cooperative agreements with a five-year project period, however, the first award will support 24 months of project activity. Depending on the success of the first two years of the project, an organization may non-competitively apply for the remaining 36 months of funds in FY 2013.

OVW defines comprehensive projects, for technical assistance purposes, as follows:

- A project that provides a broad range of training and technical assistance to grantees from a particular grant program, addressing the majority of that particular grant program's purpose areas;
- A project that addresses the training and technical assistance needs of a particular profession across multiple OVW programs; or
- A project that provides nationwide technical assistance addressing a specific issue or topic area within the Violence Against Women Act.

These projects must assess and build the capacity of OVW grantees; translate OVW priorities into meaningful training and technical assistance opportunities; develop and disseminate national resource materials and products; and deliver and/or facilitate in-person training, including meeting and logistical support to a diverse population in a variety of venues across the nation.

Please note that, during the FY 2010 Technical Assistance application process, OVW selected a number of comprehensive technical assistance projects, and therefore, those topics are not reflected in this year's solicitation.

OVW is ONLY interested in supporting the comprehensive initiatives listed below.

OVW is interested in supporting the following **comprehensive** initiatives:

- Discipline-specific (e.g., law enforcement officers; prosecutors; judges; and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim advocates) comprehensive training and technical assistance on domestic violence or sexual assault. Organizations applying under this initiative should only apply to provide training and technical assistance to **one** discipline and on **either** domestic violence or sexual assault. Organizations with expertise in both sexual assault and domestic violence should consider submitting separate applications for each issue area.
- Comprehensive training and technical assistance to OVW grantees (or entities that would otherwise be eligible for OVW grant funding) on domestic violence.
- Comprehensive training and technical assistance to OVW grantees (or entities that would otherwise be eligible for OVW grant funding) on dating violence.
- Comprehensive training and technical assistance to OVW grantees (or entities that would otherwise be eligible for OVW grant funding) on children exposed to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.
- Comprehensive training and technical assistance for the following OVW grant programs:
 - Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program
 - Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program
 - Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Grant Program
 - Grants to Enhance Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program
 - Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program
 - Court Training and Improvements Program

- Engaging Men and Youth in Preventing Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program
- Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Program
- Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program
- Services, Training, Education and Policies to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking in Secondary Schools Grant Program (STEP Program)
- Grants to Children and Youth Exposed to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking.

How To Apply

See the [Reference Guide](#) at pages 15-19 for instructions on “how to apply.”

What An Application Must Include

Applicants must complete each of the following sections as part of their response to this solicitation. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that its application is complete by the deadline. OVW will remove an application from consideration prior to review if the application is substantially incomplete or received after the deadline without prior permission as described in the [Reference Guide](#) at pages 17-19.** For each section listed below, please note the corresponding maximum point value that may be assigned during the review scoring process. The application should use headings and subheadings in the order below for ease of review. Reviewers may not receive any additional materials submitted beyond those required. For example, if an application aimed at a targeted topic area includes a narrative that is 17 pages, the last five pages may be removed prior to review.

Applications must adhere to following requirements:

- Double spaced (except that any included graphs and charts may be single-spaced)
- 8½ x 11 inch paper
- One inch margins
- Type no smaller than 12 point, Times New Roman font
- Include a brief Summary Data Sheet
- Include a Project Abstract (please limit to one page)
- Include a list of all current OVW projects as described below (if applicable)
- **For targeted topic area applications, the Project Narrative section of the application can be no more than 12 pages. For comprehensive TA applications, the page limit of this section is 18.**
- Word processing documents must be in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), PDF files (.pdf), or Text Documents (.txt).

Your application will be scored on the following sections

- Summary Data Sheet
- Project Narrative
- Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
- Letters of Support

We reserve the right to deduct points if the following materials are missing:

- Proposal Abstract
- Summary of Current OVW Projects
- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Standard Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Form 4061/6)
- Financial Accounting Practices
- Letter of Nonsupplanting
- Financial Capability Questionnaire
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Proof of Non-profit Status

Sections I through XIII below describe the specific elements of a complete application.

I. Summary Data Sheet (5 Points)

Please list the following information on a single page. The Summary Data Sheet should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

- Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the authorized representative. (Please see the [Reference Guide](#) at page 8 for more information on who can be an authorized representative.)
- Name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the grant point-of-contact.
- Statement as to whether the agency has expended \$500,000 in Federal funds in the past fiscal year for the applicant. Please specify the end date of the fiscal year.
- Project title.
- The targeted topic area/s or the comprehensive initiative the application is addressing.
- The target audience (include which grant program recipients or disciplines will be targeted)
- The duration of the project (i.e., 12, 24, 36 months or five years).
- The award amount requested.

II. Project Narrative (Total 70 Points)

The following narrative should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy. **For applications related to a targeted topic area, the Project Narrative may not exceed 12 pages in length, double-spaced. The page limit for comprehensive TA applications is 18.** Please number the pages of your narrative.

A. Need for the Technical Assistance (15 points)

This section should include the following:

- Identify the targeted topic area or comprehensive initiative the project addresses and explain why you believe this is an area in need of technical assistance.
- Describe the target audience for the technical assistance (discipline, grant program, etc.). If the target audience is made up of recipients from one or more OVW grant programs, explain why those grant programs are being selected for the proposed technical assistance.
- Estimate number of individuals who would receive training and technical assistance under this project.
- Identify what OVW purpose area/s the project will address (see Appendix B).
- Explain why OVW grantees from the targeted grant program or discipline would benefit from this technical assistance.
- If you are proposing a project that does not address one of the targeted topic areas or comprehensive initiatives, you must include additional justification regarding the need for the project, how it relates to an OVW program purpose area (Appendix B), the intended grantee audience, and the method for how the need was determined.

B. What Will Be Done (20 points)

This section should include the following:

- State the goals and objectives of the technical assistance proposal.
- Provide a summary of activities that will be undertaken to accomplish the project goals and objectives and provide a corresponding timeline for the completion of each activity. Organizations applying for five-year projects must include a timeline that covers five years.
- Describe and justify any and all products that will be developed, including a timeline for the development and dissemination of each product. Include a dissemination plan for the products.

B. Who Will Implement the Project (25 points)

This section should include the following:

- Identify organizations and individuals who will implement the project and describe the role of each.
- Describe the capacity of the organization/s to undertake the project.
- Describe the proposed staffing (including consultants) for the initiative.
- List the qualifications and experience of proposed staff/consultants.
- Describe the organization's philosophy concerning violence against women, including its understanding of emerging issues and best practices, and activities that compromise victim safety.

C. What are the Technical Assistance Delivery Methods (10 points)

This section should include the following:

- Identify and describe how the proposed technical assistance will be delivered. Examples of delivery methods can include teleconference and videoconference; web-casting; regional or national meetings; focus groups; conferences; train-the-trainer sessions; on-site technical assistance (if you are proposing on-site assistance with OVW grantees, you must describe your capacity and experience to do so).

- Explain why these methods have been selected.
- Explain how these methods match the needs of the target audience.

III. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (Total 15 Points)

For more information and samples, please see the Reference Guide at pages 11-14. The Budget Worksheet and Narrative should be one attachment to the application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

Budget Limits

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the project proposed and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs. Projects targeting the recipients of STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program or Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program subgrants or Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions must include sufficient funds to cover grantee travel expenses. OVW Technical Assistance Program funds for FY 2011 will be awarded based on the following guidelines:

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Organizations applying for five-year comprehensive projects should seriously consider the amount of money it will take to implement such a project, clearly present the costs and clearly justify all costs for the project. Organizations applying for comprehensive projects must include a timeline for the full five years of project activity, however, they should only submit budgets for the first 24 months of project activity.

Budget caps listed above are “up to” amounts. OVW has the discretion to award cooperative agreements for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work and budget with applicants prior to award of a cooperative agreement.

OVW has a limited amount of technical assistance funds available to support technical assistance for all of its grantees, and therefore, **all applicants should exercise prudence when developing their budgets.**

Budget Requirements

For budget guidelines, see the Reference Guide at pages 11-14. Additional guidance specific to this program is as follows:

OVW Meetings

All applicants **are required** to allocate funds in the amount of \$5,000 to support travel costs associated with OVW technical assistance provider meetings.

Services to Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) Persons

Applicants are encouraged to include funds in their budgets to support activities that help to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to their training and technical assistance. For example, funds can be used to support interpretation and translation services.

Accessible Training and Technical Assistance for People with Disabilities

Applicants are encouraged to include funds in their budgets to provide accommodations to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals to ensure full and meaningful participation in training and technical assistance. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, production of training and educational materials in alternative formats, and closed captioning of video materials.

A Sample Budget Detail Worksheet is available at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/applicants.htm>. When preparing the Worksheet and Narrative, please use the Sample Budget Detail Worksheet as a guide and be sure to include all necessary budget categories as outlined in the Worksheet. The budget should clearly describe the proposed amounts and uses of grant funds for the duration of the grant period and how the amounts of the specific budget items were determined. The budget should demonstrate a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items. Specifically, the budget should not contain any items that are not detailed in the project narrative.

The budget narrative should support all costs included in the budget and justify the purpose of the costs in relationship to fulfilling the overall objective of the project. The narrative should also include a description of services being performed and how the cost is determined.

IV. Letters of Support (Total 10 points)

Applicants may partner with one or more organizations to ensure the appropriate expertise is available to implement the project successfully. If partnering with other organizations, applicants are required to submit letters of support from those partners. The letters of support should be submitted as attachments to the application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

Letters of support must be included from all project partners. Letters should describe the partners' role in the project, as well as their commitment to the collaboration. Letters from an organization's constituency may also be included, describing the capability of that organization to carry out the proposed work. Please note that OVW may request a signed Memorandum of Understanding among project partners prior to making an award.

V. Proposal Abstract

The Proposal Abstract should provide a short and accurate summary of your proposed project including its goals and objectives. Please do not summarize past accomplishments in this section. The Proposal Abstract should be a single page and should be a separate attachment to the online application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

The Proposal Abstract **must not** be submitted on the same page as the Summary Data Sheet.

VI. Summary of Current OVW Projects (if applicable)

For each current OVW Technical Assistance Project, as defined in the OVW Reference Guide at page 9, please provide the following information:

- Identify each award by project title, award number, award amount and project period end date.
- Provide the total funds remaining in each award as of the date of the application.

This section should be clear and succinct. This should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

In addition to this information, OVW will evaluate the performance of the applicant in all current grants when considering this application. **OVW grantees who have failed to meet grant deadlines, failed to comply with financial requirements, or failed to comply with special conditions from current or previous grants may not be considered for funding.**

VII. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Please see the [Reference Guide](#) at page 8 for additional information. In Block 7 (type of applicant), please do not select "other." This form will be filled out online and you should print a copy for your hard copy submission.

VIII. Standard Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Form 4061/6)

Please see the [Reference Guide](#) at page 8 for additional information. These forms will be completed online and you should print a copy for your hard copy submission.

IX. Financial Accounting Practices

Each applicant must prepare a response to the following questions. OVW will review the applicant's responses to assist in evaluating the adequacy of the organization's financial management system and to identify areas of need for training and technical assistance. This section of your application should be no more than two pages and should be a separate attachment to the online application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

- Will all funds awarded under this program be maintained in a manner that they will be accounted for separately and distinctly from other sources of revenue/funding?
- Does the applicant have written accounting policies and procedures? OVW may request a copy for review during the application/award process or as part of the grant monitoring process.
- Is the applicant's financial management system able to track actual expenditures and outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant or subgrant?
- Does the applicant have procedures in place for minimizing the time elapsing between transfer of funds from the United States Treasury and disbursement for project activities?
- Does the applicant have effective internal controls in place to adequately safeguard grant assets and to ensure that they are used solely for authorized purposes? Please provide a brief description.
- Does the applicant have a documented records retention policy? If so, briefly describe the policy.
- Is the individual primarily responsible for fiscal and administrative oversight of grant awards familiar with the applicable grants management rules, principles, and regulations? If not, the applicant must contact OVW's Grants Financial Management Division at

OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556 immediately after the organization is notified of their award to coordinate training.

X. Letter of Nonsupplanting

Applicants must submit a letter to OVW's Director, signed by the Authorized Representative, certifying that Federal funds will not be used to supplant State or local funds should a grant award be made. Please refer to http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/nonsup_letter.pdf for a sample letter. This should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

XI. Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)

Please see the Reference Guide at page 14 for additional information. This should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov. This document does not need to be included in the hard copy.

XII. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of an indirect cost rate must have a Federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement. Please include a copy of a current, signed Federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement. Please see the Reference Guide at page 14 for additional information.

XIII. Proof of Non-profit Status(if applicable)

An applicant can provide proof of nonprofit status by submitting one of the following documents:

(1) Proof that the Internal Revenue Service currently recognizes the applicant as an organization to which contributions are tax deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(2) A statement from a State taxing body or the State secretary of state certifying that:

- (i) The organization is a nonprofit organization operating within the State; and
- (ii) No part of its net earnings may lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual;

(3) A certified copy of the applicant's certificate of incorporation or similar document that clearly establishes the nonprofit status of the applicant; or

(4) Any item described in 1-3 above applies to a State or national parent organization, together with a statement by the State or parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit affiliate.

This should be a separate attachment to the application in Grants.gov and a separate section in the hard copy.

Selection Criteria

All applications will be rated on the criteria described in each section above. The total points possible for an application are 100 (5 points for Summary Data Sheet, 70 points for Narrative, 15 points for Budget, and 10 points for Letters of Support).

Additionally, current grantees will be rated by OVW using the following criteria:

- Progress reports submitted by the grantee, in conjunction with monitoring conducted by OVW, demonstrate the effectiveness of the current project, indicating timely progress toward meeting project goals and objectives;
- The grantee has demonstrated that past activities supported with OVW grant funds have been limited to program purpose areas;
- The grantee has complied with all special conditions of its existing grant award(s) from OVW;
- The grantee has adhered to programmatic and financial reporting requirements, including timely submission of required reports;
- The grantee has closed-out prior awards in a timely manner;
- The grantee has received financial clearances on all current grants from OVW;
- The grantee has acted in a timely manner to resolve issues identified in an audit or an on-site financial or programmatic monitoring visit;
- The grantee has complied with the Office of Management and Budget single-audit requirement; and
- Grant funds have been spent in a timely manner.

OVW grantees who have failed to meet grant deadlines, have not spent grant funds in a timely manner, did not comply with financial requirements, or did not comply with special conditions from current or previous grants may not be considered for funding. In addition, if an applicant is on the DOJ High Risk Grantee list, OVW will take this into consideration in making award determinations.

Review Process

All applications will be subject to an initial screening and an internal review by OVW staff, and will be scored according to the criteria set forth in this solicitation. **If the application fails to meet the criteria listed below for the initial screening, the application will not receive further consideration.**

OVW Initial Screening

Criteria for the OVW initial screening follow:

- Whether the applicant is a nonprofit national, tribal, or statewide organization or an institution of higher education (see page 5);
- Whether the proposed activities are within the scope of the Technical Assistance Program (see page 7);
- Whether the proposed project will provide training and technical assistance on a national level (see page 7); and
- Whether the application is complete (see pages 13-19).

Additionally, current projects will be rated by OVW using the criteria listed on page 19.

Performance Measures

All OVW grantees are required to submit annual and/or semi-annual progress reports, which will be provided to you should you be selected for an award.

For more information, see the [Reference Guide](#) at pages 19-22.

Notice of New Post-Award Reporting Requirements

Applicants should anticipate that all recipients (other than individuals) of awards of \$25,000 or more under this solicitation, consistent with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), will be required to report award information on any first-tier subawards totaling \$25,000 or more, and, in certain cases, to report information on the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients. Each applicant entity must ensure that it has the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the reporting requirements should it receive funding.

It is expected that reports regarding subawards will be made through the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS), found at <https://www.fsrc.gov>. Additional guidance on reporting will be provided in the near future by OVW and/or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Please note also that applicants should anticipate that no subaward of an award made under this solicitation may be made to a subrecipient (other than an individual) unless the potential subrecipient acquires and provides a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.

Additional Requirements

For information on additional requirements that apply to all OVW applicants and grantees, see the [Reference Guide](#) at pages 23-24.

Public Reporting Burden

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. We try to create forms and instructions that are accurate, can be easily understood, and which impose the least possible burden on you to provide us with information. The estimated average time to complete and file this form is 30 hours per form. If you have comments regarding the accuracy of this estimate, or suggestions for making this form simpler, you can write to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20530.

Application Checklist

Applicants must submit a fully executed application to OVW via overnight delivery, including all required supporting documentation. If you do not have the ability to upload signed documents, you may upload an unsigned version and include the signed original in the hard copy of the application. **Applications will not be accepted via facsimile.**

Application Document	Required?	Completed?
1. Standard Form 424	Yes	
2. Standard Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Form 4061/6)	Yes	
3. Financial Accounting Practices	Yes	
4. Summary Data Sheet	Yes	
5. Proposal Abstract	Yes	
6. Summary of Current OVW Projects	Yes, if applicable	
7. Narrative. The following sections must be included	Yes	
Need for the Technical Assistance		
What will be Done		
Who will Implement		
What are the Technical Assistance Delivery Methods		
8. Budget, Budget Narrative and Budget Summary	Yes	
9. Letters of Support	Yes	
10. Letter of Nonsupplanting	Yes	
11. Financial Capability Questionnaire (nonprofits only)	If applicable	
12. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (only if the applicant has a current Federally-approved rate)	If applicable	
13. Proof of Non-Profit Status	If applicable	

Applicants must send **via overnight delivery** a complete hard copy original of the application, **date stamped by the shipping company on or before May 25, 2011** to:

The Office on Violence Against Women
 c/p Lockheed Martin Aspen Systems Corporation
 OVW Technical Assistance Program
 Mail Stop 2K
 2277 Research Boulevard
 Rockville, MD 20850
 (301) 519-5000

In addition, applications must be submitted through Grants.gov.

APPENDIX A

OVW Program Purpose Areas

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANTS

(1) 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 sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence;

(2) 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 and domestic violence;

(3) 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 and domestic violence;

(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, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;

(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, including crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;

(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, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence;

(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, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence;

(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 undertake the following activities--

(A) developing, 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) notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency;

(C) referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and

(D) taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order; and

(14) providing funding to law enforcement agencies, nonprofit nongovernmental 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--

(A) 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;

(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 service providers and domestic violence coalitions.

GRANTS TO STATE SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS

Coordinating State victim services activities, and collaborating and coordinating with Federal, State, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities.

TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITIONS PROGRAM

- (1) Increasing awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women;
- (2) enhancing the response to violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women at the tribal, Federal, and State levels; and
- (3) identifying and providing technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services to American Indian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS

- (1) To implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts and projects between domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault victim services organizations and legal assistance providers to provide legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault;
- (2) to implement, expand, and establish efforts and projects to provide legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault by organizations with a demonstrated history of providing direct legal or advocacy services on behalf of these victims; and
- (3) to provide training, technical assistance, and data collection to improve the capacity of grantees and other entities to offer legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND ENHANCED SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST AND ABUSE OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

- (1) To provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against disabled individuals;
- (2) to conduct outreach activities to ensure that disabled individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault receive appropriate assistance;
- (3) to conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention and the nature of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault for disabled individuals;
- (4) to provide technical assistance to assist with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure equal access to the services, programs, and activities of victim service organizations for disabled individuals;

(5) to provide training and technical assistance on the requirements of shelters and victim services organizations under Federal antidiscrimination laws, including--

(A) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

(B) section 794 of Title 29;

(7) to provide advocacy and intervention services for disabled individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault; or

(8) to develop model programs providing advocacy and intervention services within organizations serving disabled individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM

(1) To develop and enhance effective governmental strategies to curtail violent crimes against and increase the safety of Indian women consistent with tribal law and custom;

(2) to increase tribal capacity to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes against Indian women;

(3) to strengthen tribal justice interventions including tribal law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, correctional facilities;

(4) to enhance services to Indian women victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(5) to work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward issues of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking programs and to address the needs of children exposed to domestic violence;

(6) to provide programs for supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed by one parent against the other with appropriate security measures, policies, and procedures to protect the safety of victims and their children;

(7) to provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing, and support services to enable a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community; and

(8) to provide legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence, at minimal or no cost to the victims.

GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION ORDERS

- (1) To implement proarrest programs and policies in police departments, including policies for protection order violations;
- (2) to develop policies, educational programs, protection order registries, and training in police departments to improve tracking of cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Policies, educational programs, protection order registries, and training described in this paragraph shall incorporate confidentiality, and privacy protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- (3) to centralize and coordinate police enforcement, prosecution, or judicial responsibility for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases in teams or units of police officers, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, or judges;
- (4) to coordinate computer tracking systems to ensure communication between police, prosecutors, parole and probation officers, and both criminal and family courts;
- (5) to strengthen legal advocacy service programs for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including strengthening assistance to such victims in immigration matters;
- (6) to educate judges in criminal and civil courts (including juvenile courts) about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to improve judicial handling of such cases;
- (7) to provide technical assistance and computer and other equipment to police departments, prosecutors, courts, and tribal jurisdictions to facilitate the widespread enforcement of protection orders, including interstate enforcement, enforcement between States and tribal jurisdictions, and enforcement between tribal jurisdictions;
- (8) to develop or strengthen policies and training for police, prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of domestic violence and sexual assault against older individuals (as defined in section 3002 of this title) and individuals with disabilities (as defined in section 12102(2) of this title);
- (9) to develop State, tribal, territorial, or local policies, procedures, and protocols for preventing dual arrests and prosecutions in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to develop effective methods for identifying the pattern and history of abuse that indicates which party is the actual perpetrator of abuse;
- (10) to plan, develop and establish comprehensive victim service and support centers, such as family justice centers, designed to bring together victim advocates from non-profit, non-governmental victim services organizations, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation officers, governmental victim assistants, forensic medical professionals, civil legal attorneys, chaplains, legal advocates, representatives from community-based organizations and other relevant public or private agencies or organizations into one centralized location, in order to improve safety, access to services, and confidentiality for victims and families. Although funds may be used to support the colocation of project partners under this paragraph, funds may not

support construction or major renovation expenses or activities that fall outside of the scope of the other statutory purpose areas;

(11) to develop and implement policies and training for police, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of sexual assault, with an emphasis on recognizing the threat to the community for repeat crime perpetration by such individuals;

(12) to develop, enhance, and maintain protection order registries; and

(13) to develop human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing programs for sexual assault perpetrators and notification and counseling protocols.

RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND CHILD VICTIMIZATION ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(1) Implementing, expanding, and establishing cooperative efforts and projects among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(2) providing treatment, counseling, advocacy, and other long- and short-term assistance to adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in rural communities, including assistance in immigration matters; and

(3) working in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues.

GRANTS TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING ON CAMPUS

(1) To provide personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection, and other equipment with respect to the increased apprehension, investigation, and adjudication of persons committing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus;

(2) to develop and implement campus policies, protocols, and services that more effectively identify and respond to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to train campus administrators, campus security personnel, and personnel serving on campus disciplinary or judicial boards on such policies, protocols, and services. Within 90 days after January 5, 2006, the Attorney General shall issue and make available minimum standards of training relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus, for all campus security personnel and personnel serving on campus disciplinary or judicial boards;

(3) to implement and operate education programs for the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(4) to develop, enlarge, or strengthen victim services programs on the campuses of the institutions involved, including programs providing legal, medical, or psychological counseling,

for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to improve delivery of victim assistance on campus. To the extent practicable, such an institution shall collaborate with any entities carrying out nonprofit and other victim services programs, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking victim services programs in the community in which the institution is located. If appropriate victim services programs are not available in the community or are not accessible to students, the institution shall, to the extent practicable, provide a victim services program on campus or create a victim services program in collaboration with a community-based organization. The institution shall use not less than 20 percent of the funds made available through the grant for a victim services program provided in accordance with this paragraph;

(5) to create, disseminate, or otherwise provide assistance and information about victims' options on and off campus to bring disciplinary or other legal action, including assistance to victims in immigration matters;

(6) to develop, install, or expand data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking campus security to the local law enforcement for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions with respect to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus;

(7) to provide capital improvements (including improved lighting and communications facilities but not including the construction of buildings) on campuses to address the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

(8) to support improved coordination among campus administrators, campus security personnel, and local law enforcement to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.

SAFE HAVENS: SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE GRANT PROGRAM

(1) To provide supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking;

(2) to protect children from the trauma of witnessing domestic or dating violence or experiencing abduction, injury, or death during parent and child visitation exchanges;

(3) to protect parents or caretakers who are victims of domestic and dating violence from experiencing further violence, abuse, and threats during child visitation exchanges; and

(4) to protect children from the trauma of experiencing sexual assault or other forms of physical assault or abuse during parent and child visitation and visitation exchanges.

ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST AND ABUSE OF WOMEN LATER IN LIFE

(1) Training programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, governmental agencies, victim assistants, and relevant officers of Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local courts in

recognizing, addressing, investigating, and prosecuting instances 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;

(2) providing or enhancing services for victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, who are 50 years of age or older;

(3) creating or supporting multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, who are 50 years of age or older; and

(4) conducting cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, who are 50 years of age or older.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, OR SEXUAL ASSAULT

(1) Providing transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of newly developed or existing transitional housing;

(2) providing short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing for persons described in subsection (a) of this section; and

(3) providing support services designed to enable a minor, an adult, or a dependent of such minor or adult, who is fleeing a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to--

(A) locate and secure permanent housing; and

(B) integrate into a community by providing that minor, adult, or dependent with services, such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance. Participation in the support services shall be voluntary. Receipt of the benefits of the housing assistance described in paragraph (2) shall not be conditioned upon the participation of the youth, adults, or their dependents in any or all of the support services offered them.

ENHANCING CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

The Director shall make grants to community-based programs for the purpose of enhancing culturally and linguistically specific services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Grants under the program shall support community-based efforts to address distinctive cultural and linguistic responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; including

- (A) working with State and local governments and social service agencies to develop and enhance effective strategies to provide culturally and linguistically specific services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- (B) increasing communities' capacity to provide culturally and linguistically specific resources and support for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes and their families;
- (C) strengthening criminal justice interventions, by providing training for law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, and correctional facilities on culturally and linguistically specific responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- (D) enhancing traditional services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through the leadership of culturally and linguistically specific programs offering services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- (E) working in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies highlighting culturally and linguistically specific issues and resources regarding victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- (F) providing culturally and linguistically specific programs for children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- (G) providing culturally and linguistically specific resources and services that address the safety, economic, housing, and workplace needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including emergency assistance; or
- (H) examining the dynamics of culture and its impact on victimization and healing.

SERVICES TO ADVOCATE FOR AND RESPOND TO YOUTH

- (1) Grantees must provide direct counseling and advocacy for youth and young adults, who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including linguistically, culturally, and community-relevant services for underserved populations or linkages to existing services in the community tailored to the needs of underserved populations.
- (2) Grantees may also provide mental health services, legal advocacy, and other services for youth and young adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and may work with public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies, rules, and procedures in order to reduce or eliminate these crimes against youth and young adults.

ENGAGING MEN AND YOUTH IN PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

- (1) To develop or enhance community-based programs, including gender-specific programs in accordance with applicable laws that--

(A) encourage children and youth to pursue nonviolent relationships and reduce their risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

(B) that include at a minimum information on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or child sexual abuse and how they affect children and youth, and strategies to help participants be as safe as possible; or

(2) to create public education campaigns and community organizing to encourage men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent violence against women and girls conducted by entities that have experience in conducting public education campaigns that address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

COURT TRAINING AND IMPROVEMENTS

(1) Improved internal civil and criminal court functions, responses, practices, and procedures;

(2) education for court-based and court-related personnel on issues relating to victims' needs, including safety, security, privacy, confidentiality, and economic independence, as well as information about perpetrator behavior and best practices for holding perpetrators accountable;

(3) collaboration and training with Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local public agencies and officials and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations to improve implementation and enforcement of relevant Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local law;

(4) enabling courts or court-based or court-related programs to develop new or enhance current--

(A) court infrastructure (such as specialized courts, dockets, intake centers, or interpreter services);

(B) community-based initiatives within the court system (such as court watch programs, victim assistants, or community-based supplementary services);

(C) offender management, monitoring, and accountability programs;

(D) safe and confidential information-storage and -sharing databases within and between court systems;

(E) education and outreach programs to improve community access, including enhanced access for underserved populations; and

(F) other projects likely to improve court responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

(5) providing technical assistance to Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local courts wishing to improve their practices and procedures or to develop new programs.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE

(1) programs that provide services for children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, which may include direct counseling, advocacy, or mentoring, and must include support for the nonabusing parent or the child's caretaker; or

(2) training, coordination, and advocacy for programs that serve children and youth (such as Head Start, child care, and after-school programs) on how to safely and confidentially identify children and families experiencing domestic violence and properly refer them to programs that can provide direct services to the family and children, and coordination with other domestic violence or other programs serving children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that can provide the training and direct services referenced in this subsection.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM

(1) to assist States, Indian tribes, and territories in providing intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for--

(A) adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault;

(B) family and household members of such victims; and

(C) those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization; and

(2) to provide for technical assistance and training relating to sexual assault to--

(A) Federal, State, tribal, territorial and local governments, law enforcement agencies, and courts;

(B) professionals working in legal, social service, and health care settings;

(C) nonprofit organizations;

(D) faith-based organizations; and

(E) other individuals and organizations seeking such assistance.

STEP

(1) to provide training to school administrators, faculty, counselors, coaches, healthcare providers, security personnel, and other staff on the needs and concerns of students who experience domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and the impact of such violence on students;

(2) to develop and implement policies in middle and high schools regarding appropriate, safe responses to, and identification and referral procedures for, students who are experiencing or perpetrating domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including procedures for handling the requirements of court protective orders issued to or against

students or school personnel, in a manner that ensures the safety of the victim and holds the perpetrator accountable;

(3) to provide support services for students and school personnel, such as a resource person who is either on-site or on-call, and who is an expert described in subsections (i)(2) and (i)(3) of this section, for the purpose of developing and strengthening effective prevention and intervention strategies for students and school personnel experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking;

(4) to provide developmentally appropriate educational programming to students regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and the impact of experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on children and youth by adapting existing curricula activities to the relevant student population;

(5) to work with existing mentoring programs and develop strong mentoring programs for students, including student athletes, to help them understand and recognize violence and violent behavior, how to prevent it and how to appropriately address their feelings; and

(6) to conduct evaluations to assess the impact of programs and policies assisted under this section in order to enhance the development of the programs.