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# EXPANDING LEGAL SERVICES INITIATIVE

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM



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Office on Violence Against Women

Working Together to End the Violence

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative (ELSI) is intended to enable eligible organizations that do not currently offer legal services to establish a program that provides legal representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking.

### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and tribal governments or tribal organizations that do not currently offer in-house legal representation but wish to establish a program to provide comprehensive legal assistance to victims.

### Priority Consideration

Advancing equity and tribal sovereignty by improving services for survivors from underserved communities is a priority for the ELSI program. As such, priority consideration will be given to lead applicants whose mission or purpose is to primarily serve members of a population-specific and historically marginalized community.



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The FY24 Expanding Legal Services Initiative solicitation will be posted on the website at: **Justice.gov/OVV/Open-Solicitations**

You can also review previous solicitations for this and other programs at: **Justice.gov/OVV/Closed-Solicitations**



We anticipate that awards for the Expanding Legal Services Initiative will begin in October 2023.

Additional information may be found at **Justice.gov/OVV/Resources-Applicants**

## About the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

The Legal Assistance for Victims Program strengthens civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence. This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 20121.



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