

U.S. Department of Justice FY 2024 Budget Request

Disabilities Program: Total \$17.5.0 million (+\$5.5 million)

This program provides accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. *Current services for this initiative are \$12.0 million.*

Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Program: Total \$15.0 million (+\$4.0 million)

This new grant program will provide law enforcement officers and others who interface with victims with appropriate training to respond effectively to reports of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking, ensuring that officers at all ranks have the requisite knowledge and skills to respond with competence and compassion when victims report what they have suffered. Domestic violence and sexual assault are serious crimes. Yet, far too often, an inadequate law enforcement response has thwarted investigations, caused further harm to victims, and allowed perpetrators to evade accountability and continue to commit crimes. *Current services for this initiative are \$11.0 million.*

Elder Program: Total \$10.0 million (+\$1.0 million)

This program supports strategies for responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The request reflects the critical roles that specialized training for criminal justice professionals, cross-training for professionals who work with older adults, and services for victims have in a coordinated community response to abuse in later life. This request also reflects the critical need anticipated by service providers in a post-pandemic environment. *Current services for this initiative are \$9.0 million.*

National Deaf Services Program: Total \$6.0 million (+\$4.0 million)

Services specifically targeted for deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are limited. The result is that most deaf victims must rely on mainstream services providers for assistance, which may not be well-versed in deaf culture, do not provide appropriate accommodations, and have little experience accessing and working with American Sign Language interpreters. This request will enable the OVW to fund a five-year project to launch and maintain a national Deaf services line, which will provide virtual services to deaf victims of all four VAWA crimes, provide technical assistance to victim service providers working with deaf victims, and pilot strategies to expand “for Deaf, by Deaf” in-person services. *Current services for this initiative are \$2.0 million.*

National Resource Center on Workplace Responses: Total \$1.5 million (+\$500,000)

Funding will support Resource Center activities to address sexual harassment in the workplace. The Resource Center has often received requests for training and materials on sexual harassment. All types of employers can benefit from materials, tools, and training on domestic and sexual violence and sexual harassment, but victim service providers and small employers have their own structural challenges specific to maintaining confidentiality in a small organization or providing opportunities for safety. *Current services for this initiative are \$1.0 million.*