



Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

FY 2012 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2011 CR:	\$434.2 million* (70 positions)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0.4 million
Program Changes:	+\$20.3 million
FY 2012 Pres Budget Request:	\$454.9 million* (102 positions)
Change from FY 2011 CR:	+\$20.7 million (+4.7%) (+32 positions)

* Includes funding from the Office of Justice Programs, Salaries and Expenses appropriation.

Mission:

The mission of the OVW is to provide federal leadership to reduce violence against women, and to support the administration of justice for and strengthen services to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This is accomplished by developing and supporting the capacity of state, local, tribal, and non-profit entities involved in responding to violence against women.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2012 totals \$454.9 million, which is a 4.7 percent increase from the FY 2011 CR.

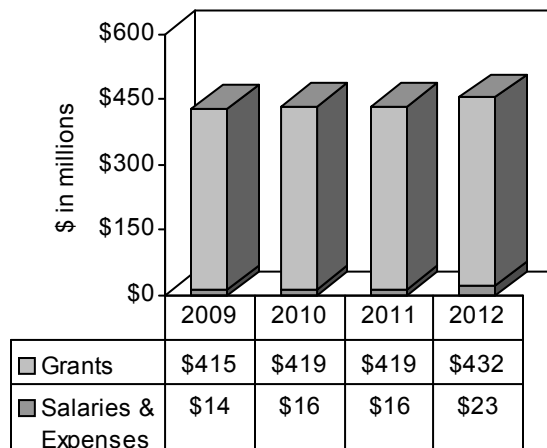
Organization:

OVW is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Director oversees a Criminal Justice Division, Community Division, Policy Analysis Division and Administration Division.

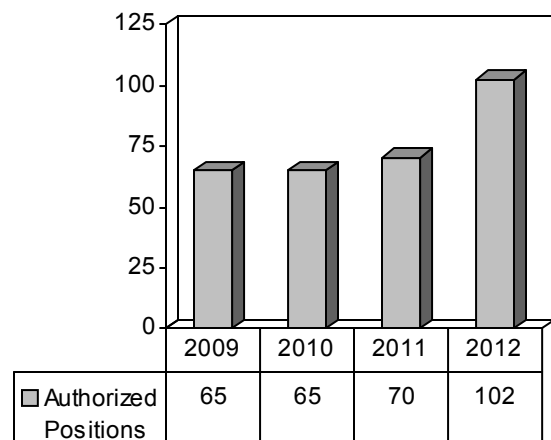
Personnel:

The OVW's direct authorized positions for FY 2012 total 102 positions, which is an increase of 32 positions from the FY 2011 CR.

Funding (FY 2009 - 2012)



Personnel (FY 2009 - 2012)



FY 2012 Strategy:

The OVW was created specifically to implement the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation. OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities around the country to facilitate the creation of programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

In recognition of the severity of the crimes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA 1994) as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. VAWA is a comprehensive legislative package designed to end violence against women and was reauthorized in both 2000 and 2005. The legislative history of VAWA indicates that Congress seeks to remedy the legacy of laws and social norms that serve to justify violence against women. Since the passage of VAWA, there has been a paradigm shift in how the issue of violence against women is addressed.

VAWA was designed to improve criminal justice responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to increase the availability of services for victims of these crimes. VAWA requires a coordinated community response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, encouraging jurisdictions to bring together players from diverse backgrounds to share information and to use their distinct roles to improve community responses to violence against women. These players include, but are not limited to: victim advocates, police officers, prosecutors, judges, probation and corrections officials, health care professionals, leaders within faith communities, and survivors of violence against women. The federal law takes a comprehensive approach to violence against women by combining tough new penalties to prosecute offenders while implementing programs to aid the victims of such violence. By working together, a system can be created to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable. OVW has instituted this philosophy at all levels of its work.

FY 2012 Program Changes:

Consolidated Youth-Oriented Program: \$14.0 million to fund a comprehensive array of prevention and intervention services for children and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Additionally, it seeks to engage men and youth to work as allies to end violence against women and girls. This program consolidates four OVW programs: Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention, Grants to Assist Children and Youth Exposed to Violence, Supporting Teens Through Education Program, and Services to Advocate and Respond to Youth, which received a total of \$12 million in FY 2010. This consolidation will allow OVW to leverage resources for maximum impact in communities by funding comprehensive projects that include both youth service and prevention components. There are no current services funding for this new program.

Sexual Assault Services Program: \$20.0 million for a total of \$35 million to provide intervention, advocacy, and support services for victims of sexual assault. Funding will also be utilized to assist with reducing the current rape kit backlog. The FY 2012 current services for this initiative are \$15 million.

Transitional Housing Grant Program: \$25.0 million to enhance the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by supporting projects that provide transitional housing services and move individuals into permanent housing. From within Transitional Housing, \$2.3 million is set-aside for a homicide reduction initiative. Additionally, \$6.8 million is set aside from the Arrest Program for a total of \$9.0 million for a homicide reduction initiative. This new initiative is designed to address the urgent problem of homicide of the abused, especially those in escalating domestic violence situations. Transitional Housing is funded at \$18.0 million as a set-aside under Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women program in the FY 2010 enacted appropriation. The FY 2012 budget moves Transitional Housing to its own separate line-item; therefore, current services is \$0 as its own line item.

Research and Evaluation of Violence Against Women: \$3.0 million to fund research projects on violence against women. Additional funding would allow further and more varied research to be undertaken through this program including research on: child custody issues in cases involving domestic violence and economic issues related to domestic violence. Research and Evaluation of Violence Against Women was funded at \$3.0 million as a set-aside under STOP in the FY 2010 enacted appropriation. The FY 2012 budget moves Research and Evaluation of Violence Against Women to its own separate line-item; therefore, current services is \$0 as its own line-item.

FY 2012 Program Changes:

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant (LAV) Program: \$9.0 million for a total of \$50.0 million for legal services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. OVW-funded projects provide civil and criminal legal assistance to victims, encourage cooperative efforts between domestic violence and sexual assault service organizations and legal assistance providers, and provide technical assistance to LAV Program grantees. FY 2012 current services for this initiative are \$41.0 million.

Court Training Program: \$2.0 million for a total of \$5 million for the court training and improvements program. Of this \$5 million, \$2.5 million is set-aside for a Family Court Initiative. This initiative will support pilot projects to develop innovative family court approaches that adopt VAWA principles, including specialized tracks for domestic violence cases and better legal representation for victims. FY 2012 current services for the Court Training Program are \$3 million.

Indian Country – Sexual Assault Clearinghouse: \$500,000 to create a clearinghouse to offer a one-stop shop where tribes could request free on-site training and technical assistance enabling the community to respond to events, treat victims, and promote awareness. The clearinghouse would eventually be capable of tracking emerging trends in the field, and assist OVW develop a global perspective on sexual assault in Indian country. There are no FY 2012 current services for this item.

Research on Violence Against Indian Women: \$1.0 million to conduct statutorily mandated research on the specific issue of violence against Indian Women, which will be conducted by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The focus will be on a tribally representative study; secondary data analysis on federal, state, local and tribal crime and health data systems and sources, and an evaluation of promising programs. There are no FY 2012 current services for this initiative.

OVW Management and Administration (M&A): \$7.027 million and 32 positions for management and administration costs, and increased OVW staffing levels in order to properly administer the grants workload. House and Senate appropriations committees previously advised Justice Department grant components of their understanding that certain costs previously distributed to grant programs should now be considered Management and Administration. In FY 2010, a transfer of funding from grants to salaries and expenses was needed to cover these costs under the State and Local Law Enforcement Activities, Salaries and Expenses appropriation. Since these funds are currently not part of the Salaries and Expenses appropriations base, funding is being requested as a program increase in FY 2012. FY 2012 current services for this initiative are \$16.1 million and 70 positions.

Savings:

Offsetting decreases include funding from the STOP Program (\$28.0 million), Arrest Program (\$12.5 million), Rural Program (\$3.0 million), Safe Havens (\$2.75 million), Disabilities Program (\$1.0 million), Tribal Sex Offender Registry (\$1.0 million), and National Resource Center on Workplace Responses (\$1 million).

Additionally, four programs were zeroed out in order to be combined into a more comprehensive consolidated grant program. These included: Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention (\$3.0 million), Grants to Assist Children and Youth Exposed to Violence (\$3.0 million), Services to Advocate and Respond to Youth (\$3.5 million), and Supporting Teens through Education (\$2.5 million).

While the STOP Program decrease shows as \$28.0 million from 2011 to 2012, when one factors in that in the 2010 enacted Transitional Housing and NIJ Research were funded from within STOP for a total of \$21 million and in 2012 they are requested on separate line items at a total of \$28 million, there is a net change of \$7 million from 2010 enacted to the 2012 President's Budget for the STOP Program.

Program Offset—Administrative Efficiencies: The Department is continually evaluating its programs and operations with the goal of achieving across-the-board economies of scale that result in increased efficiencies and cost savings. In FY 2012, the Department is focusing on areas in which savings can be achieved, which include: printing, publications, travel, conferences, supplies, and general equipment. For the Office on Violence Against Women, these administrative efficiencies will result in an offset of \$17,000.

Program Offset—Extend Tech Refresh: As desktops and laptops are used primarily for basic office automation applications (e.g., spreadsheets and word processing), replacing this inventory at a slower rate is expected to have minimal impact on Department operations. In FY 2012, the Department is proposing to extend the refresh rate of all desktops and laptops by one year, resulting in an offset of \$4,000 for the Office on Violence Against Women.

Rescission: The budget proposes to rescind \$5.0 million in prior year balances.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	OVW - GRANTS			SALARIES AND EXPENSES			TOTAL		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2010 Appropriation	0	0	\$418,500	65	65	\$15,708	65	65	\$434,208
Transfer to OJP	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0	0	0	-3,000
2010 Enacted	0	0	\$415,500	65	65	\$15,708	65	65	\$431,208
2011 Continuing Resolution	0	0	418,500	70	70	15,708	70	70	434,208
2012 Request	0	0	431,750	102	86	23,148	102	86	454,898
Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution	0	0	13,250	32	16	7,440	32	16	20,690
Adjustments to Base									
Increases:									
Pay and Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
Domestic Rent and Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	334	0	0	334
Subtotal Increases	0	0	0	0	0	434	0	0	434
Total Adjustments to Base	0	0	0	0	0	434	0	0	434
Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	434	0	0	434
2012 Current Services	0	0	418,500	70	70	16,142	70	70	434,642
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Management and Administration	0	0	0	32	16	7,027	32	16	7,027
Research and Evaluation Violence Against Women (NIJ)	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
Transitional Housing	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	25,000
Consolidated Youth-Oriented Program	0	0	14,000	0	0	0	0	0	14,000
Legal Assistance	0	0	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	9,000
Sexual Assault Services	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	20,000
Court Training Program	0	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000
Indian Country - Sexual Assault Clearinghouse	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
Research on Violence Against Indian Woman	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Subtotal Increases	0	0	74,500	32	16	7,027	32	16	81,527
Decreases:									
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP Program)	0	0	-28,000	0	0	0	0	0	-28,000
Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention Program	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0	0	0	-3,000
Grants to Assist Children and Youth Exposed to Violence	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0	0	0	-3,000
Supporting Teens Through Education Program	0	0	-2,500	0	0	0	0	0	-2,500
Services to Advocate and Respond to Youth	0	0	-3,500	0	0	0	0	0	-3,500
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies	0	0	-12,500	0	0	0	0	0	-12,500
Rural Dom. Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0	0	0	-3,000
Safe Haven Program	0	0	-2,750	0	0	0	0	0	-2,750
Disabilities Program	0	0	-1,000	0	0	0	0	0	-1,000
National Tribal Sex Offender Registry	0	0	-1,000	0	0	0	0	0	-1,000
National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	0	0	-1,000	0	0	0	0	0	-1,000
Administrative Efficiencies	0	0	0	0	0	-17	0	0	-17
Exten Tech Refresh	0	0	0	0	0	-4	0	0	-4
Subtotal Decreases	0	0	-61,250	0	0	-21	0	0	-61,271
Total Program Changes	0	0	13,250	32	16	7,006	32	16	20,256
2012 Request	0	0	431,750	102	86	23,148	102	86	454,898
Rescission from Balances	0	0	-5,000	0	0	0	0	0	-5,000
2012 Request with Rescission	0	0	426,750	102	86	23,148	102	86	449,898
Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution	0	0	13,250	32	16	7,440	32	16	20,690

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2011 Continuing Resolution			2012 Current Services			Total Program Changes			2012 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP Program)	0	0	\$210,000	0	0	\$210,000	0	0	-\$28,000	0	0	\$182,000
2. Research and Evaluation of Violence Against Women (NIJ)	0	0	[3,000]	0	0	[3,000]	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
3. Transitional Housing	0	0	[18,000]	0	0	[18,000]	0	0	25,000	0	0	25,000
4. Consolidated Youth-Oriented Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,000	0	0	14,000
Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0
Grants to Assist Children and Youth Exposed to Violence	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0
Supporting Teens Through Education Program	0	0	2,500	0	0	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0	0	0
Services to Advocate and Respond to Youth	0	0	3,500	0	0	3,500	0	0	-3,500	0	0	0
5. Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies	0	0	60,000	0	0	60,000	0	0	-12,500	0	0	47,500
Homicide Reduction Initiative	0	0	[0]	0	0	[0]	0	0	[0]	0	0	[9,000]
6. Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement	0	0	41,000	0	0	41,000	0	0	-3,000	0	0	38,000
7. Legal Assistance Program	0	0	41,000	0	0	41,000	0	0	9,000	0	0	50,000
8. Safe Haven Program	0	0	14,000	0	0	14,000	0	0	-2,750	0	0	11,250
9. Campus Violence	0	0	9,500	0	0	9,500	0	0	0	0	0	9,500
10. Disabilities Program	0	0	6,750	0	0	6,750	0	0	-1,000	0	0	5,750
11. Elder Program	0	0	4,250	0	0	4,250	0	0	0	0	0	4,250
12. Sexual Assault Services	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	35,000
13. National Tribal Sex Offender Registry	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	-1,000	0	0	0
14. Court Training Program	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	2,000	0	0	5,000
Family Court Initiative	0	0	[0]	0	0	[0]	0	0	[0]	0	0	[2,500]
15. Indian Country - Sexual Assault Clearinghouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	500
16. National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	-1,000	0	0	0
VAWA Tribal Government Grants Program	0	0	[38,970]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	[39,275]
VAWA Tribal Coalitions Grants	0	0	[3,930]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	[3,626]
OVW Administered Programs	0	0	418,500	0	0	418,500	0	0	12,250	0	0	430,750
Programs Administered by OJP:												
17. Research on Violence Against Indian Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Sub-Total OJP Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Total	0	0	418,500	0	0	418,500	0	0	13,250	0	0	431,750
Rescission from Balances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5,000
Reimbursable FTE		0			0			0			0	
Grand Total	0	0	418,500	0	0	418,500	0	0	13,250	0	0	426,750

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SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(Dollars in Thousands)

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1. Management and Administration	70	70	\$15,708	70	70	\$16,142	32	16	\$7,006	102	86	\$23,148
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