



Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

FY 2013 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2012 Enacted:	\$412.5 million (70 positions)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0.0 million
Program Changes:	-\$0.0 million
FY 2013 Budget Request:	\$412.5 million (70 positions)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted:	+\$0.0 million (+0%)

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.

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.

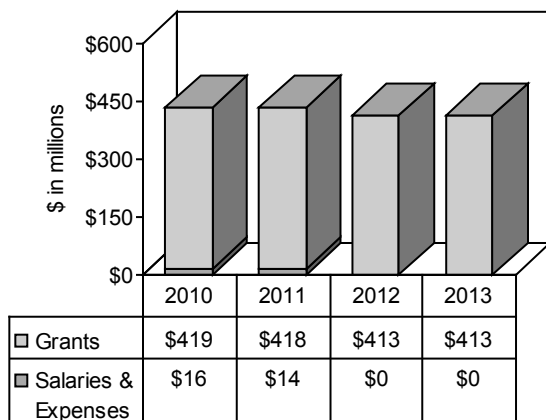
Resources:

The budget request for FY 2013 totals \$412.5 million, which is the same as the FY 2012 enacted level. Of this amount, \$144.5 million is derived from the Crime Victims Fund. The request also includes a \$6 million rescission of prior year balances.

Personnel:

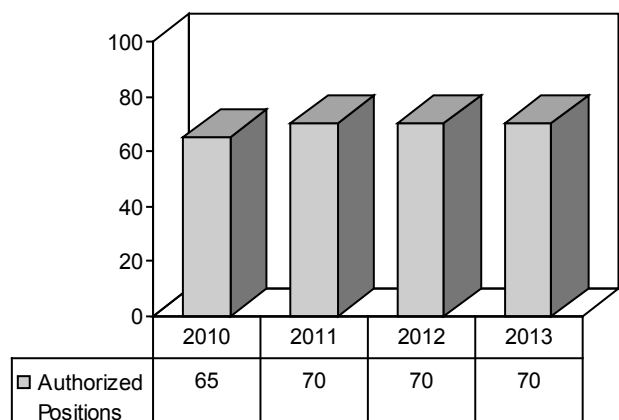
The OVW's direct authorized positions for FY 2013 total 70 positions, which is the same as the FY 2012 enacted level.

Funding (FY 2010 - 2013)



Starting in FY 2012, S&E is funded from Grants

Personnel (FY 2010 - 2013)



FY 2013 Strategy:

The OVV was created specifically to implement the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation. OVV 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. OVV has instituted this philosophy at all levels of its work.

FY 2013 Program Changes:

Rural Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance Program: \$3.5 million to enhance the safety of children, youth, and adults who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. Current services for this program are \$34 million.

STOP Program: The STOP Program is funded at \$189.0 million, of which \$144.5 million will be derived from the Crime Victims Fund. The overall total of \$189.0 million is equal to the FY 2012 enacted appropriation.

Offsetting decreases include funding from the Transitional Housing Program (\$3 million) and National Resource Center on Workplace Responses (\$0.5 million).

Rescission: Additionally, the budget proposes to rescind \$6.0 million in prior year balances.