



Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

FY 2018 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	\$474.1 million (82 positions; 4 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$5.0 million
Program Changes:	+\$913,000
FY 2018 Budget Request:	\$480.0 million (66 positions; 4 attorneys)
Change From FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	+\$5.9 million (+1.2%) (-16 positions)

Mission:

The mission of the OVW is to provide federal leadership to reduce violence against women, and to support the administration of justice 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 Grant Development and Management, Policy Communication and Evaluation, Budget and Financial Management and Administration Divisions; additionally the Director oversees Legal Counsel and Tribal Affairs.

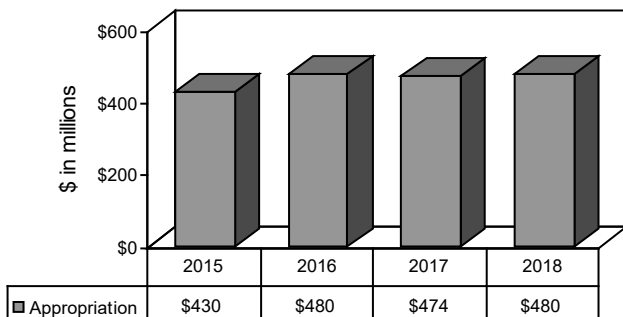
Resources:

The FY 2018 budget request for OVW totals \$480.0 million, which is a 1.2% increase over the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution. Of the total, \$445 million is derived by transfer from the Crime Victims Fund.

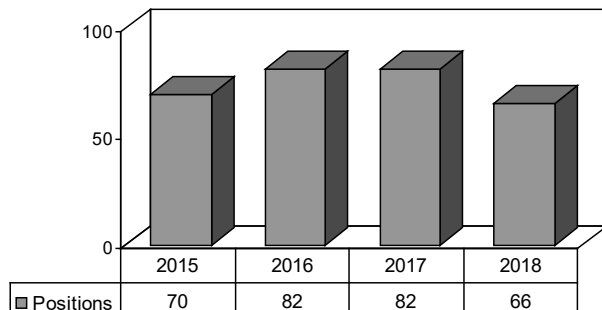
Personnel:

The OVW direct positions for FY 2018 total 66 positions. OVW FY 2018 request includes a decrease of -16 positions from the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution of 82 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2015 - 2018)



Personnel (FY 2015 - 2018)



FY 2018 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.

Four priorities guide the FY 2018 Budget request of the Office: 1) reducing the violent crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking ;2) supporting essential services for victims; 3) reaching underserved communities; and 4) ensuring meaningful evaluation of programs and implementation of evidence-based practices.

OVV's greatest immediate challenges will be: 1) to make progress in addressing the high levels of sexual assault in the United States; 2) to support core services for victims across the country as programs compete for scarce resources; and 3) to build the infrastructure necessary to fulfill OVV's statutorily envisioned role as the nation's leading voice on ending violence against women.

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 2000, 2005, and in March 2013. 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, dating violence, 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, dating violence, 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.

VAWA has led to significant improvements in the criminal and civil justice systems, and has been successful by funding evidence-based practices, including civil legal assistance, specialized law enforcement and prosecution units, and domestic violence courts. Findings from a nationwide assessment indicate that VAWA grants were associated with reductions in rape and assault.

FY 2018 Program Changes:

Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP):

\$409,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$409,000 is included for the Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP) Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$215 million.

Research and Eval. Violence Against Women (NIJ):

\$10,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$10,000 is included for Research and Eval. Violence Against Women (NIJ) to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$5 million.

Transitional Housing: \$57,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$57,000 is included for the Transitional Housing Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$30 million.

Consolidated Youth Oriented Program: \$21,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$21,000 is included for the Consolidated Youth Oriented Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$11 million.

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies: \$97,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$97,000 is included for the Arrest Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$51 million.

Rural Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assist.: \$65,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$65,000 is included for the Rural Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$34 million.

Legal Assistance Program: \$86,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$86,000 is included for the Legal Assistance Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$45 million.

Grants to support Families in the Justice System: \$30,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$30,000 is included for Grants to support Families in the Justice System to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$16 million.

Campus Violence: \$38,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$38,000 is included for the Campus program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$20 million.

Disabilities Program: \$11,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$11,000 is included for the Disabilities program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$6 million.

Elder Program: \$10,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$10,000 is included for the Elder program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$5 million.

Sexual Assault Services: \$65,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$65,000 is included for the Sexual Assault Services Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$35 million.

Indian Country - Sexual Assault Clearinghouse: \$1,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$1,000 is included for a Sexual Assault Clearinghouse to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$500,000.

National Resource Center on Workplace Responses:

\$1,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$1,000 is included for the National Resource Center on Workplace Responses to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$500,000.

Research on Violence Against Indian Women: \$2,000

and 0 positions

An additional \$2,000 is included for Research on Violence Against Indian Women to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$1 million.

Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction:

\$5,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$5,000 is included for the Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$2.5 million.

Rape Survivor Child Custody Act Program: \$5,000 and 0 positions

An additional \$5,000 is included for the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act Program to equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$2.5 million.

Rescission - OVW: -\$15.0 million and 0 positions

The Budget proposes to cancel \$15.0 million in unobligated balances.