

New STOP Certification and Implementation Plan Information
on Meeting Applicable Requirements of 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)
Effective starting with FY 2023 awards from OVW

Certification (34 U.S.C. 10446(d)(6))

An application for a [STOP Formula Program grant] shall include...a certification of compliance with the grant conditions under section 40002(b) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)), as applicable.

Implementation Plan (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(1))

A state applying for a [STOP Formula Program Grant] shall develop an implementation plan ... that identifies...how the state will meet...the requirements under section 40002(b) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)), as applicable.

Applicable Provisions of 34 U.S.C. 12291(b) (Note: the paragraphs below are summaries; please see the statute for the full details on each requirement)

- (2) Nondisclosure of confidential or private information - grantees and subgrantees shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services. For more information see 28 CFR 90.4(b) and FAQs on the OVW web page ([FAQ on the VAWA Confidentiality Provision \(justice.gov\)](https://www.justice.gov/ovw/faq-on-the-ava-confidentiality-provision)).
- (3) Approved activities - If grantees and subgrantees collaborate with or provide information to public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies and develop and promote legislation or model codes to reduce or eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, then they must maintain confidentiality of victims (as required above) and ensure that personally identifying information about victims is not included.
- (4) Non-supplantation - Federal funds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be available for STOP funded activities.
- (6) Reports - An entity receiving a grant shall submit to the disbursing agency a report on activities undertaken with the grant funds.
- (8) Nonexclusivity - nothing in the VAWA shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking from receiving STOP Program funded services.
- (9) Prohibition on tort litigation - Funds under the STOP Program may not be used to fund civil representation in a lawsuit based on a tort claim.
- (10) Prohibition on lobbying - Funds under the STOP Program are subject to the prohibition in 18 U.S.C. 1913 (a provision that broadly prohibits the use of appropriated funds for lobbying).

(12) Delivery of legal assistance - Grantees and subgrantees providing legal assistance with STOP funds shall comply with the requirements of 34 U.S.C. 20121(d) (see [Resources for Applicants \(justice.gov\)](#) for a sample letter provided by OVW).

(13) Civil rights – grantees and subgrantees are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability. For more information, see [Frequently Asked Questions - Nondiscrimination Grant Condition in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 \(justice.gov\)](#).