



United States Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

Working Together to End the Violence

Funds Awarded under the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act

Effective 2016

For the first time, in fiscal year 2016, the Office on Violence Against Women awarded funds under the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act.

States were eligible to receive additional funds in their Stop Violence Against Women (STOP) and Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) formula awards (up to 10% of the three-year average of combined STOP and SASP formula grant funds, with 75% of that amount supplementing the SASP award, and 25% supplementing the STOP award) if the state meets the requirements of the Act.

To qualify, the state must have a law that allows the mother of a child conceived through rape to seek court-ordered termination of the parental rights of the rapist with regard to that child, which the court is authorized to grant upon clear and convincing evidence of rape.

States are eligible to receive the funds a total of four times. The following states with qualifying statutes applied for and received additional funding in their fiscal year 2016 STOP and SASP awards: Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin.