

# Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Sexual Assault Services Formula Program

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Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172632

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## Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 7, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
  - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 9, 2026, by 4:59 PM ET**
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# 1. BASIC INFORMATION

## Purpose of the Funding

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice. OVW administers Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants designed to prevent and respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **Sexual Assault Services Formula Program (SAS Formula Program)**. Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(a)(1), the SAS Formula Program assists states and territories in providing “intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of such victims, and those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization.” See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for more details.

## Funding Details

<b>Announcement Type</b>	Initial
<b>Assistance Listing Number</b>	16.017
<b>Statutory Authority</b>	34 U.S.C § 12511
<b>Grants.gov Opportunity Number</b>	O-OVW-2026-172632
<b>Estimated Total Amount of Funding</b>	\$49,100,000
<b>Anticipated Number of Awards</b>	56
<b>Award Type</b>	Grant
<b>Estimated Award Amount(s)</b>	\$128,000 - \$1,600,000
<b>Expected Award Period</b>	24 months starting on August 1, 2026

## Key Dates and Times

<b>NOFO Release Date</b>	June 4, 2026
<b>SAM.gov Registration/Renewal</b>	Start the process at least 30 days before deadlines
<b>Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline</b>	11:59 p.m. ET on July 7, 2026
<b>Step 2: JustGrants Deadline</b>	4:59 p.m. ET on July 9, 2026
<b>Anticipated Notification Date</b>	By September 30, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

### Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

#### Government Entities

- State governments<sup>1</sup>

**Cost sharing:** This program does **not** require cost sharing (match).

## 3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C § 12511(b)(1), funds must be used for the following purpose:

To support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and other nongovernmental or Tribal programs and projects to assist individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault, without regard to the age of the individual.

Per 34 U.S.C § 12511(b)(2), states and territories may use up to five percent of grant funds for administrative costs and must use the remaining funds to provide subgrants “to rape crisis centers<sup>2</sup> and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or Tribal programs within the state or territory that provide direct intervention and related assistance.”

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(2)(C), such intervention and related assistance may include:

- (1) 24-hour hotline services;
- (2) accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems; and
- (3) crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, direct payments, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members, among other services.

**Expected outcomes:** OVW will measure success by reviewing a recipient’s submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO. See the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative](#) for more information.

**Unallowable activities:** For information on program-specific unallowable activities and costs to help you develop your application consistent with program requirements, see the [Application Companion Guide](#) and program information on the [OVW website](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(37). Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(3)(B)(iii), only the state or territorial agency designated by the governor may apply.

<sup>2</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(30) (defining “rape crisis center”).

## Statutory Funding Formula

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(4), each state or territory receives a minimum percentage of appropriated funds (1.5% or 0.5% respectively), with remaining funds allotted by population.

### **Increased Funding Under the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act (RSCCA)**

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. §§ 21301-21308, states and territories are to be awarded additional funds if they have “in place a law that allows the mother of any child that was conceived through rape to seek court-ordered termination of the parental rights of her rapist with regard to that child, which the court is authorized to grant upon clear and convincing evidence of rape.” The additional funds will be no more than 10% of the three-year average of the state or territory’s SAS Formula Program and STOP Violence Against Women Formula Program awards (combined). Of this amount, 75 percent will supplement the SAS award, and 25 percent will supplement the STOP award. The additional funds must be used in accordance with each program.

**A state or territory may receive RSCCA funds up to four times.** First-time applicants were to submit a legal opinion explaining how they meet the RSCCA requirements by May 22, 2026. Prior RSCCA recipients (fewer than four times) were to submit a letter, also by May 22, 2026, stating that the applicable law has not changed and that the state still meets the RSCCA requirements. Although the information provided will inform OVW’s decision, OVW will make the final eligibility determination and notify applicants of any RSCCA amount included in their final SAS allocation for FY 2026.

## Agency Funding Priorities

States and territories are encouraged to develop and support projects designed to advance the following public safety priorities (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO):

1. Combatting human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration, transnational criminal organizations, and cartel operations, including projects that strengthen law enforcement investigation and prosecution while supporting safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
2. Projects dedicated to direct victim services, particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

## 4. APPLICATION CONTENTS

### Application Contents List

Applications must include all application items listed in the checklist below to avoid a delay in access to funds. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions.

Application Item	Submission Type
<b>Step 1: Grants.gov</b>	
<a href="#">Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424</a>	Online Form
<b>Step 2: JustGrants</b>	
<a href="#">Standard Applicant Information</a>	Online Form
<a href="#">Data Requested with Application</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-award Risk Assessment</li> </ul>	Online Form
<a href="#">Proposal Narrative</a>	Attachment
<a href="#">Indirect Cost Rate Agreement</a> (if applicable)	Attachment
<a href="#">Additional Application Components</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of Assurance Regarding Meaningful Involvement</li> <li>• Certification regarding out-of-scope activities</li> <li>• Summary Data Sheet</li> <li>• Confidentiality Notice Form</li> </ul>	Attachment

### Standard Applicant Information

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the [SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov](#).

### Data Requested with Application: Pre-award Risk Assessment

Complete this questionnaire in JustGrants. The questions are available [here](#).

### Proposal Narrative

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(3)(B), the Proposal Narrative must describe:

1. How the state or territory ensured meaningful involvement of its sexual assault coalition and representatives from underserved communities, including any federally recognized Tribes located in the state or territory, in developing the application.

2. How the state or territory will ensure such meaningful involvement in implementing its plans to administer SAS Formula Program funds.
3. How the state or territory will ensure an equitable distribution of grants and grant funds within the state or territory and between urban and rural areas.

**Note:** The Proposal Narrative should not exceed 5 pages, double-spaced.

## Financial Attachments

**Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs must upload their current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.<sup>3</sup>

## Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- [Letter of Assurance Regarding Meaningful Involvement](#) signed by the Authorized representative demonstrating that the **state or territorial administering agency** will meet its obligations under 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(3)(B)(i) in the implementation of its plans to administer SAS Formula Program funds. The letter also may describe the applicant's efforts to seek input from rape crisis centers and other sexual assault programs in its application and implementation processes.
- [Certification regarding out-of-scope activities](#) letter signed by the Authorized Representative.
  - Note: This certification is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about the certification requirement, see the notice on OVW's [funding opportunities page](#).
- [Summary Data Sheet](#), one to four pages.
- [Confidentiality Notice Form](#), signed by the Authorized Representative, acknowledging the confidentiality requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2).

## Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the [disclosures](#), [assurances](#), and [certifications](#) in JustGrants.

## 5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) applies to this funding opportunity.

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<sup>3</sup> See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for more information on indirect costs, allowable costs, and other financial requirements governing OVW awards.

## 6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

This is a formula grant program, and applications are not subject to peer review. However, applications are reviewed to ensure that they are complete and meet statutory, regulatory, and other program requirements as described in this NOFO. If any required documents are missing, OVW will contact the applicant to request prompt submission. Failure to include required information at the time of submission may result in a delay in funding.

## 7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process on OVW’s [website](#).

## 8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more information about [standard award terms and conditions](#), administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

## 9. QUESTIONS?

<b>NOFO Contact</b>	Phone: 202-307-6026 Email: <a href="mailto:OVWSASP.Formula@usdoj.gov">OVWSASP.Formula@usdoj.gov</a>
<b>SAM.gov Help Desk</b>	Website: <a href="https://sam.gov/content/help">https://sam.gov/content/help</a> Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday – Friday
<b>Grants.gov Help Desk</b>	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a> Website: <a href="https://www.grants.gov/support">https://www.grants.gov/support</a> Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
<b>JustGrants Help Desk</b>	Phone: 866-655-4482 Email: <a href="mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov">OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov</a> Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday – Friday