

# Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

---

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172624

---

## Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 14, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
  - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 16, 2026, by 4:59 PM ET**
- 



U.S. Department of Justice

# OVW

Office on Violence Against Women

Working Together to End the Violence

# Contents

<b>1. Basic Information .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2. Eligibility .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3. Program Description.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4. Application Contents and Format .....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5. Submission Requirements and Deadlines .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>6. Application Review information .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>7. Award Notices .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>8. Post-Award Requirements &amp; Administration .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>9. Questions? .....</b>	<b>10</b>

# 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 (VAWA crimes).

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Transitional Housing Program)**. Per 34 U.S.C. § 12351, this program funds transitional housing and support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance because of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Eligible applicants are Tribal, state, and local governments and organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning VAWA crimes. See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for details.

## Funding Details

<b>Announcement Type</b>	Initial
<b>Assistance Listing Number</b>	16.736
<b>Statutory Authority</b>	34 U.S.C. § 12351
<b>Grants.gov Opportunity Number</b>	O-OVW-2026-172624
<b>Expected Total Amount of Funding</b>	\$48.5 million
<b>Anticipated Number of Awards</b>	80
<b>Award Type</b>	Grant
<b>Anticipated Award Amount</b>	Up to \$600,000
<b>Expected Award Period</b>	48 months starting on October 1, 2026

## Key Dates and Times

<b>NOFO Release Date</b>	June 3, 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 14, 2026
<b>Step 2: JustGrants Deadline</b>	4:59 p.m. ET on July 16, 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>
- Federally recognized Indian Tribes<sup>2</sup>
- Units of local government<sup>3</sup>

*State and local government applicants must partner with a victim service provider.*<sup>4</sup>

#### Nonprofit Entities

- Organizations that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking<sup>5</sup>

Recipients with grants ending by September 30, 2026 may apply but are unlikely to be funded if they have enough funds to carry the project through September 30, 2027.

**Faith-based organizations** that meet the eligibility requirements for this program are eligible to apply (more information is in the [Application Companion Guide](#)).

**Cost sharing and application limit:** This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match). You may submit more than one application under this NOFO if each application proposes a different project in a different service area. If you submit multiple versions of the same application, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

### Additional Eligibility Factors

**Required partnership:** States, territories, and local governments must partner with a [victim service provider](#). Tribes with a victim services division are not required to partner.<sup>6</sup>

**Disqualifying factors:** Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#). In addition, any nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is ineligible.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Including territories see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(37).

<sup>2</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(22).

<sup>3</sup> Defined as county, city, or township governments, as well as any town, borough, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(47).

<sup>4</sup> Defined as a nonprofit, nongovernmental or Tribal organization or rape crisis center, including a state or Tribal coalition, that assists or advocates for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims, including domestic violence shelters, faith-based organizations, and other organizations, with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(50).

<sup>5</sup> With or without 501(c)(3) status and defined as synonymous with “victim service provider,” see *id.*

<sup>6</sup> See *supra* n. 4 (defining “victim service provider” to include a Tribal organization that assists or advocates for victims); see *also* 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(45) (defining “Tribal organization” to include both governmental and nongovernmental entities that meet certain criteria).

<sup>7</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(ii).

## 3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12351, funds must be used for the following purposes:

1. Transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of newly developed or existing transitional housing.
2. Short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing.
3. Support services designed to enable a minor, an adult, or a dependent of such minor or adult, who is fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to:
  - Locate and secure permanent housing;
  - Secure employment, including obtaining employment counseling, occupational training, job retention counseling, and counseling concerning re-entry into the workforce; and
  - Integrate into a community by providing that minor, adult, or dependent with services, such as transportation, counseling, childcare services, case management, and other assistance.

The term “transitional housing” is used in this NOFO to refer to both purposes 1 and 2 above. Transitional housing is temporary housing assistance offered for up to 24 months that helps victims transition into permanent housing. Recipients also may provide a six-month extension to victims who have made a good-faith effort to acquire permanent housing but have been unable to do so.<sup>8</sup>

Proposals must provide both transitional housing and support services. All support services must be voluntary and not a condition of receiving housing assistance.<sup>9</sup> For more information on housing models, support services, and fee structures, go [here](#).

**Expected outcomes:** OVC 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 and budget consistent with program requirements, see the [Application Companion Guide](#) and [Budget](#) section of this NOFO

---

<sup>8</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12351(c).

<sup>9</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12351(b)(3)(C).

## Statutory Funding Priorities

OVW will give priority to projects developed under subsection (b) of the Transitional Housing Program statute<sup>10</sup> as required by 34 U.S.C. § 12351(g)(2)(C)(ii).

## Agency Funding Priorities

OVW may give priority consideration to applicants that propose (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO) projects designed to advance these goals:

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.

**Note:** Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OVW considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

## 4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

### Application Contents List

OVW will only consider applications that contain parts marked **\*REQUIRED\*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the [OVW website](#).

Application Item	Submission Type
<b>Step 1: Grants.gov</b>	
<a href="#">Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
<b>Step 2: JustGrants</b>	
<a href="#">Standard Applicant Information</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
<a href="#">Proposal Abstract</a>	Text Box
<a href="#">Data Requested with Application</a>	Online Form
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-award Risk Assessment</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Proposal Narrative</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Attachment
<a href="#">Budget</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Attachment

<sup>10</sup> 34 U.S.C. § 12351(b). See also 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(46).

Application Item	Submission Type
<u>Financial Attachments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)</li> <li>• Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)</li> <li>• Executive Compensation Disclosure (if applicable)</li> </ul>	Attachment
<u>Memorandum of Understanding</u> <b>*REQUIRED if applicable*</b>	Attachment
<u>Additional Application Components</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification regarding out-of-scope activities</li> <li>• Summary Data Sheet</li> <li>• Confidentiality Notice Form</li> <li>• Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification (if applicable)</li> </ul>	Attachment

**Standard Applicant Information \*REQUIRED\***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the [SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov](#) and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

**Proposal Abstract**

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. See example [here](#). As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names).

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

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

**Proposal Narrative \*REQUIRED\***

**Format of the Proposal Narrative**

Use the [Proposal Narrative Template](#) on the OVW website. It must be:

- No longer than 10 pages, single-spaced
- In a font no smaller than 11-point
- On correctly numbered pages with one-inch margins
- In a file format openable in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader
- In a table format or use headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections listed below
- Written in plain language

If you do not follow this format, OVW may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

**Sections of the Proposal Narrative**

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which priority(ies) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

For NOFOs that require a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or letters of support from project partners, they are reviewed in conjunction with the Proposal Narrative.

### 1. Purpose of the Project (weighted at 30%)

- Say why you are applying for the grant.
- Identify the project's goals/objectives. Summarize why the goals/objectives were selected, e.g., how the project complements other services, improves services, fills service gaps, and/or responds to a need.
- Describe the communities that will be served.

### 2. What Will Be Done (weighted at 35%)

- For each project goal, describe:
  - Activities and who is responsible for them;
  - How the applicant will ensure victim safety, privacy, and confidentiality; and
  - Outcomes for knowing the goal was achieved, and how these outcomes will be tracked.
- Describe how transitional housing services and voluntary support services will be accessible to anyone who may need them.

### 3. Who Will Implement the Project (weighted at 20%)

- Identify the people who will implement the project. Provide for each person their name, agency/organization, position/title, role in the proposed project activities, and a description of their relevant experience.
- Describe anticipated coordination and collaboration among project partners and/or others and how working together will advance the project's goals.

## Budget and Associated Documentation

### Budget (weighted at 15%) **\*REQUIRED\***

Use the [Sample Budget Narrative](#) (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Refer to [Budget Information](#) and the [Creating a Budget](#) webinar for more information:

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category. Total funding requested for 48 months must be no more than \$600,000.
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.<sup>11</sup>

---

<sup>11</sup> See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

- Fairly and reasonably compensate project partners, unless a reason not to is explained in a memorandum of understanding.
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.<sup>12</sup>
- Set aside funds on the Travel line to participate in training and technical assistance: \$3,000 for applicants located in the 48 contiguous states and \$5,000 for applicants located in the territories, Hawaii, and Alaska.

### Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs, upload your current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.
- [Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire](#) (if applicable): Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete and upload this form.
- [Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation](#) (nonprofits only): Nonprofit organizations that use the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Safe Harbor Procedure must submit a special disclosure to OVW.<sup>13</sup> (required by 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii)).

### Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents

#### **\*REQUIRED IF APPLICABLE\***

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is required if the lead applicant is a state, territory, or local government. It must demonstrate the required partnership with a victim service provider. OVW's [website](#) has instructions for MOUs and letters of support.

### Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- [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).
- [Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification](#), signed by the Authorized Representative, if the application proposes to provide legal assistance to victims.

### Disclosures and Assurances

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

<sup>12</sup> More information on this is [here](#).

<sup>13</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii). More information is [here](#).

## 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. OVW’s [How to Apply](#) page has a policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disaster.

## 6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OVW’s [Discretionary Grant Application Review Process](#) page explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official.

## 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:OVW.TransitionalHousing@usdoj.gov">OVW.TransitionalHousing@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