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## **SAS CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAM**

- The Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program (SAS Culturally Specific Program) supports nonprofit organizations that focus primarily on culturally specific communities and have experience in the area of sexual assault or who partner with an organization having such expertise. SAS Culturally Specific Program grant funds support culturally specific intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.
- Survivors of sexual assault from culturally specific communities frequently confront unique challenges, such as linguistic and cultural barriers, when seeking assistance. The goal of the SAS Culturally Specific Program is to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims from minority communities.
- Eligible applicants are limited to: private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics.
- In 2018, the SAS Culturally Specific Program gave out 11 awards, totaling over \$3 million.
- Once posted, the solicitation to apply for this program can be found on OVW's website here: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>. Members of the public can also sign up for notifications on that website, and grant announcements are posted to OVW's Twitter at [twitter.com/OVWJustice](https://twitter.com/OVWJustice).
- This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 12511(c).

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