

Funding to Make Services Safe and Accessible for Survivors with Disabilities and Deaf Survivors: OVW's Disability Grant Program

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Webinar Goals

- Summarize what is known about victimization of people with disabilities, including sexual assault and domestic violence;
- Discuss survivors with disabilities' experiences with services;
- Discuss common barriers survivors with disabilities face;
- Share strategies for change to ensure services are safe and accessible for survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors.

What the research tells us

Abuse of People with Disabilities and Deaf People

Incidence and Prevalence

- Limited research exists.
- Research has documented that people with disabilities experience increased risk of violent victimization.
- Some people with disabilities experience increased risk of domestic and sexual violence when compared to people without disabilities
- Cannot generalize findings to all people with disabilities.

People With Disabilities are at Greater Risk of Violence



People with disabilities are three times more likely to experience rape, sexual assault, aggravated assault, and robbery than those without disabilities.

Risk Of Violence is Higher for Certain People with Disabilities

- People with intellectual or cognitive disabilities
- People with psychiatric disabilities
- People with multiple disabilities
- Women with disabilities
- People of color who have disabilities



Research continued...

- Women who have experienced intimate partner violence are more than twice as likely to also report a disability.
- 14% of men with disabilities reported experiencing sexual violence at some point in their life time compared to 4% of men without disabilities.
- 49% of people with developmental disabilities were assaulted 10 or more times.
- 20% of Deaf adults have experienced physical abuse by an intimate partner. 15% have experienced forced sex in an intimate partner relationship.

Research continued... (2)

- Women with disabilities were more likely than women without disabilities to:
 - experience more severe victimization,
 - experience abuse for longer duration,
 - be victims of multiple episodes of abuse, and
 - be victims of a larger number of perpetrators.

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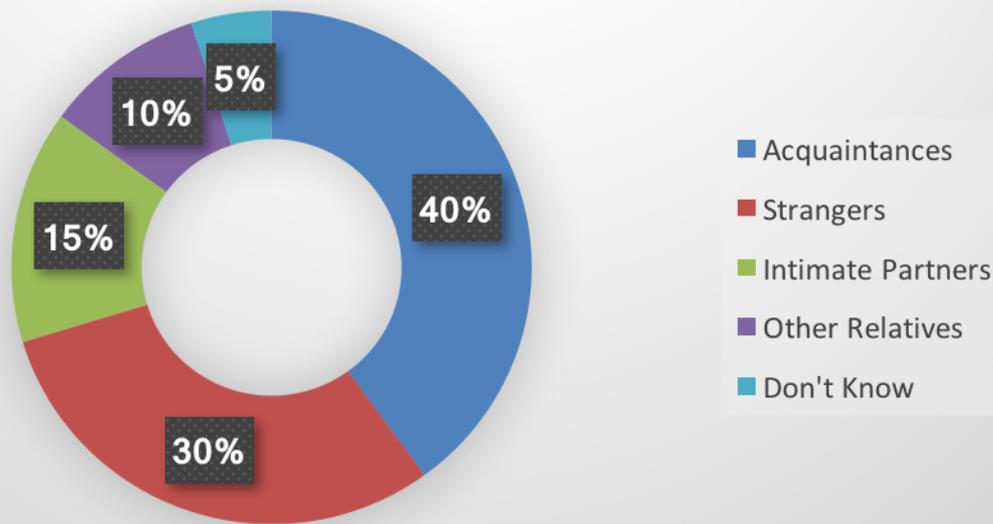
What factors contribute to the high rates of victimization among people with disabilities and Deaf people?

Why?

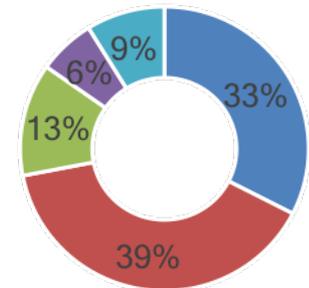
- Devaluation
- Presumed lack of credibility
- Isolation and segregation
- Increased exposure to potential abusers
- Culture of compliance
- Seen as “easy targets”

Who is Responsible?

Survivors with Disabilities
Offender Relationship, 2011-2015

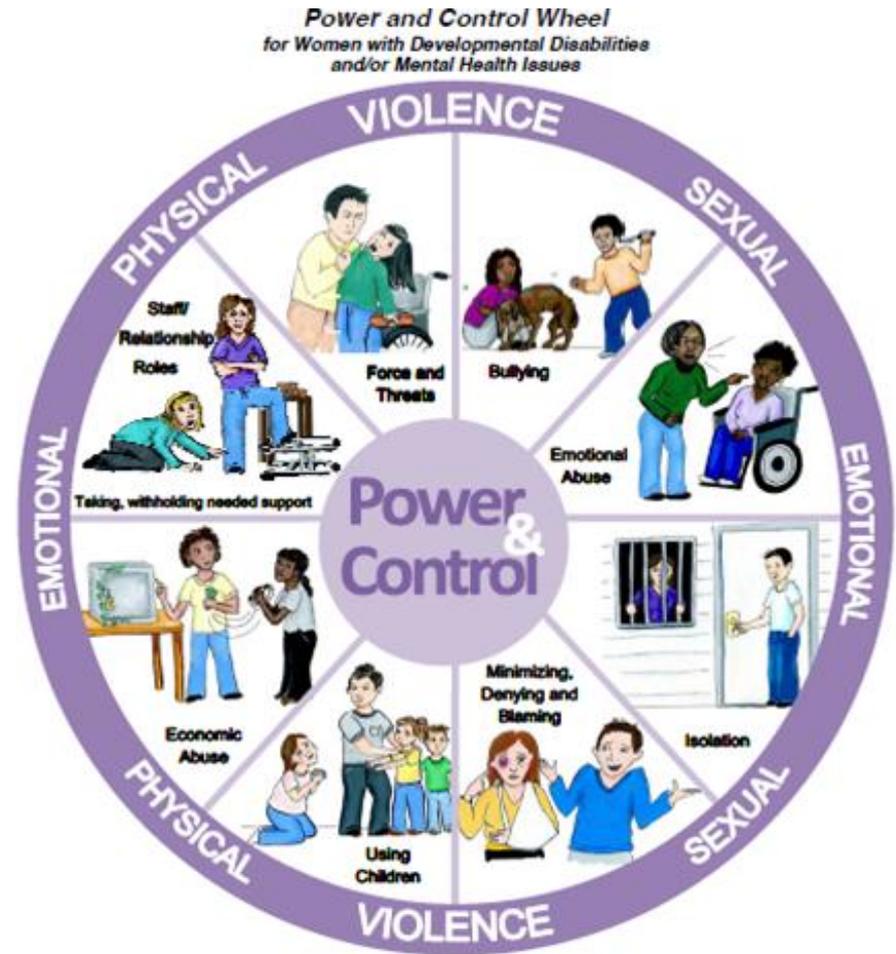


Survivors without Disabilities
Offender Relationship



Some Perpetrators Use Tactics that Expressly Target People with Disabilities and Deaf People

- Withholding medication
- Delaying or refusing to provide care
- Abusing or threatening to abuse a service animal
- Threatening to move a person to a nursing home or institution



Reaching Out: Healing and Justice

Significant Underreporting

**Violent crimes
reported to police**



- Silence feels safer/less harmful
- Loss of independence and fear of institutionalization
- Lack of knowledge about healthy sexuality and safety
- Loss of autonomy
- Lack of effective criminal justice response
- Don't know how to report/reach out for help

Victim Services are Out of Reach

Only 13% of victims of violent crime with disabilities receive support from victim services.

Justice is out of Reach for Many

**Violent crimes
reported to police**



**People charged
with an offense**



**People convicted
of the offense**



Barriers to Victim Services and Justice

- Limited to no specialized outreach to survivors with disabilities
- Physical, communication, programmatic and attitudinal barriers in anti-violence programs
- Lack of specialized knowledge and response protocols to survivors in disability organizations
- Lack of coordination between anti-violence and disability organizations.
- Perceived lack of credibility
- Lack of accommodations
- Lack of specialized training for law enforcement and prosecutors

Barriers (2)

- Isolation, exploitation, marginalization of people with disabilities
- Denial of information about healthy sexuality and relationships
- Lack of confidentiality
 - Small, close knit communities
 - Guardians
 - Mandatory reporting policies

Barriers for Deaf Survivors

- Community of ASL interpreters is often small and tight knit
- Disability services may not have strong connection to the Deaf community
- Deaf services may focus exclusively on communication access – not fully on the range of violence and abuse
- Crisis line workers may be unfamiliar with TTY or VRS
- Access to Deaf Advocates or Certified Deaf Interpreters may be limited
- Sense of isolation when living in a shelter
- Lack of understanding of Deaf Culture

Promising Strategies

Solutions for Safe, Accessible and Welcoming Services

Promising Strategies

Strong partnerships among disability, domestic violence, rape crisis, and law enforcement organizations

Victim Services Programs

- ✓ Routinely budgeting for access
- ✓ Involve people with disabilities
- ✓ Establishing expectations through policies
- ✓ Conducting access reviews and removing barriers
- ✓ Supporting staff and volunteers through training and other resources
- ✓ Enhancing engagement with disability leaders and community members

Disability Programs

- ✓ Establishing expectations through policies
- ✓ Conducting safety and responsiveness reviews
- ✓ Supporting staff and volunteers through trainings
- ✓ Creating strong linkages and referrals
- ✓ Supporting self-advocates and other people with disabilities take leadership roles in this work

Collaborate for Change

- Ensure meaningful, sustainable collaboration and partnerships that lasts even without funding.
- Develop partnerships that encourage the sharing of information, resources, and tools to serve survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors.

Encourage Meaningful Inclusion

- Support self-advocates working on issues at the intersection of domestic or sexual violence and disability.
- Promote the full participation of people with disabilities and Deaf people in services offered.

Develop Inclusive, Accessible Materials

- Materials convey an organization's knowledge, experience, and credibility and conveys information about an organization's culture, priorities, and values.
- Materials that are accessible to all and convey a message of inclusivity and openness to survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors signal a commitment to serving all survivors.

Build Staff Capacity at the Intersection

- Staff at disability and Deaf organizations should understand dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Staff at domestic violence organizations and rape crisis centers should understand disability.
- Agencies should develop shared understanding of dynamics of disability, Deafness, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

Prepare for Access and Inclusion

- Budget for accommodations such as ASL interpreters, creation of accessible materials, and physical modifications.
- Make contacts and connections with other organizations in your community that can provide you with expertise and resources.
- Be proactive!

Seek Funding Opportunities

- While many strategies to achieve access do not require financial resources, many of those we have discussed today do.
- Seeking funding opportunities will assist you in making some changes to ensure that you are providing safe, accessible, and welcoming services to survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors.
- OVW's Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program

The Disability Grant Program

Structure and Purpose

The Birth of the Disability Grant Program

- Violence Against Women Act
- First authorized in 1994
- Reauthorized in 2000
 - Included the addition of several new grant programs, including the Disability Grant Program
- OVW began making grants through the Disability Grant Program in 2002
- Has funded over 100 communities to date

Disability Grant Program Structure

- Three year award
 - Cooperative Agreement
- Team Structure
 - Collaboration
 - Shared output and decision-making
- Emphasis
 - Enhanced organizational capacity
 - Building a body of best practices
- Phases
 - Planning and Development - about 1 year
 - Implementation – about 2 years

Purpose

The purpose of the Disability Grant program is to create permanent changes within and among the organizations in your collaboration that result in more accessible, safe, and effective services for survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors.

Questions?

Solicitation

PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION SESSION

OVW Fiscal Year 2020

Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with
Disabilities Grant Program

Eligibility

- City or township governments,
- County governments,
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments,
- Nonprofits having a 501 (c)(3) status,
- States,
- Victim service providers (state or tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions or nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities in the United States or U.S. territories.

DEADLINES

Applications are due by 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time (E.T.) on April 1, 2021.

To submit an application, all applicants must obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number and register online with the System for Award Management and with Grants.gov. To ensure sufficient time to complete the registration process, applicants must obtain a DUNS number and register online with SAM and with Grants.gov immediately, but no later than February 22, 2021.

SUBMISSION AND NOTIFICATION

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH A NEW TWO-STEP PROCESS:

1. Submission of the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov (submit as early as possible but not later than 24-48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline (February 22, 2021)).
2. Submission of full application including attachments in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). April 01, 2021.

Technical Assistance with Grants.gov:
Grants.gov Applicant Support @ 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov

Technical Assistance with JustGrants:
OVW JustGrants Support @ 1-866-655-4482 or
OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov.

Notification: OVW anticipates notifying applicants of funding decisions by October 1, 2021.

PURPOSE AREAS

Funds under this program must be used for one or more of the 8 purposes (see section purpose areas).

NEW APPLICANTS

CONTINUATION APPLICANTS

OVW PRIORITY AREAS

1. Reduce violent crime against women and promote victim safety through investing in law enforcement, increasing prosecution, and promoting effective prevention.
2. Serve sexual assault survivors. To qualify for this priority, applications must propose a sexual assault focus and include a sexual assault service provider as a member of the multidisciplinary collaborative team.

OWW DOES NOT FUND THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

- Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery or Undermine Offender Accountability
- Out-of-Scope Activities

TYPES of AWARDS

- Awards will be made as cooperative agreements.
- Cooperative agreements are a form of award under which OVW expects to have ongoing substantial involvement in award activities.
- Substantial involvement includes: participating in project meetings, developing approving final agendas, reviewing and approving faculty, products, and curricula, and identifying participates.
- Recipients must be willing to work closely with OVW on the implementation of their project and be willing to modify project activities at OVW's request.

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Award Period and Amounts

36 months – New applicants

24 months – Continuation Applicants

New, state-focused \$500,000 for 36 months.

New, local-focused or tribal-focused \$425,000 for 36 months.

Continuation, state-focused \$400,000 for 24 months.

Continuation, local-focused \$325,000 for 24 months.

TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- NEW
- CONTINUATION
- Subtypes
- Who is not eligible?

Current grantees with a substantial amount of unobligated funds remaining (50 percent or more of the previous award) as of March 31, 2021 without adequate justification may not be considered for funding or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding in FY 2021.

MANDATORY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

New Applicants

- Planning & Development and Implementation Phase
- Technical Assistance
- Decision-Maker Participation

Continuation Applicants

- Scope of Activities
- Critical Assessment
- Purpose Area
- Decision-Maker Participation
- Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY

Three Main Points to Eligibility

1. Statue
2. New or Continuation/State or Local
3. Required Partnerships – Multidisciplinary Collaborative Team/Memorandum of Understanding

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Formatting and Technical Requirements

Application Contents

- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
- Data Requested with Application
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

PROPOSAL ABSTRACT

- Short summary (no more than two pages double-spaced) of the proposed project
- Applicant must not summarize past accomplishments in this section.
- Will not be scored but is used throughout the review process.

Proposal Narrative

New Applicants

- Purpose of the Proposal (40 Points)
- Who Will Implement the Proposal (30 Points)

Continuation Applicants

Purpose of the Proposal (20 Points)

- Who Will Implement the Proposal (15 Points)
- What Will Be Done (35 Points)

Budget and MOU

- Budget and Narrative (10 Points)
- Memoranda of Understanding (20 Points)

Funding Restrictions

- Unallowable Costs
- Food and Beverage/Costs for Refreshments and Meals
- Conference Planning Expenditures Limitations
- Pre-Agreement Cost

Additional Required Information

Pages 23-30 provides information about additional required information that must be included with the application.

Failure to include any of information may result in the application being removed from consideration for funding.

Submission Dates and Times

Please review in detail pages 31 - 35

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete and submitted by the deadline.

Failure to meet the submission deadline will result in an application being removed from consideration for funding. Applicants should refer to the list on Page 32 to ensure that all required steps and deadlines are met.

Applications are due by 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time (E.T.) on April 1, 2021.

OVW Policy on Late Submissions/Other Submission Requirements on Page 33

Experiencing Technical Difficulties

- Please Review OVW Policy on Late Submissions on Page 33
- Experiencing Technical Difficulties Beyond the Applicant's Reasonable Control (Page 33)
- Issues with SAM, Grant.gov, or JustGrants Registration (Page 33)
- Unforeseeable Technical Assistance During the Submission Process (Page 34)
 1. Contact Grants.gov or JustGrants, as applicable, for Applicant/User Support at least 24 hours prior to the applicable deadline.
 2. Maintain documentation of all communication with Grants.gov or JustGrants Applicant/User support.

Experiencing Technical Difficulties (Cont)

3. Prior to the applicable deadline, contact this program, via email at OVW.Disabilities@usdoj.gov indicating that the applicant is experiencing technical difficulties and would like permission to submit a late application. The email must include the following: a) a detailed description of the difficulty that the applicant is experiencing, b) the contact information (name, telephone, and email) for individual making the late submission request, and c) in the case of JustGrants technical difficulties, the complete application packet (Proposal Narrative, Budget and Budget Narrative, MOU).

4. Within 24 hours after the applicable deadline, the applicant must email this program at OVW.Disabilities@usdoj.gov the following information : (a) applicant's DUNS number, (b) Grants.gov or JustGrants Applicant/User Support tracking numbers, and c) other relevant documentation.

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Technical Issues with JustGrants

- Applicants experiencing technical issues with JustGrants should contact the OVW JustGrants support line as soon as possible.
- OVW will take the necessary steps to ensure that applicants are able to submit their applications on time.
- Applicants experiencing JustGrants technical issues should ensure that they are developing their proposals while they working to address any issues.
- Applicants should follow the solicitation guidance regarding technical difficulties. This will enable applicants to submit a full proposal by the deadline using an alternate method if necessary.
- OVW will update our submission guidance as necessary and as the due date nears.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

1. Proposed narrative: 70 points
2. Budget worksheet and budget narrative: 10 points
3. MOU: 20 points

Review and Selection Process

1. Peer Review
2. Programmatic Review
3. High-Risk Grantees

Other Information

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by October 1, 2021.

Application Checklist (page 40)

OVW DGP Contact Information

- DGP Contact : OVW.Disabilities@usdoj.gov 202-307-6026
- DGP POC: Sylvia Pauling, Program Manager
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Questions?
