

**RECOVERY ACT (STIMULUS) FUNDS
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CERTIFIED ASSURANCES**

The grantee assures and certifies that:

1. Federal funds made available under this formula grant **will not be used to supplant** state or local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for VAWA grant project activities.
2. **Matching funds** required to pay the non-federal portion of the cost of each program and project, for which grant funds are made available, shall be in addition to funds that would otherwise be made available for VAWA grant project activities by the recipients of grant funds and shall be provided on a project-by-project basis. Non-profit victim service agencies are exempt for making match.
3. Fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, evaluation procedures, and such **records** as the Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Division (CVAD) shall prescribe, shall be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of funds received.
 - a. It shall maintain such data and information and submit such **reports** in such form, at such times, and containing such data and information as the CVAD may reasonably require administering the program.
4. It will comply with the **nondiscrimination** requirements of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Department of Justice Nondiscrimination Regulations 28 CFR Part 42, Subparts C, D, E, and G; and Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and their implementing regulations, 41 CFR Part 60.1 et. Seq., as applicable to construction contracts; and Iowa Code Chapter 216 as amended which governs civil rights protection in Iowa.
5. In the event a federal or state court or administrative agency makes a **finding of discrimination** after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, age, or disability against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office of Civil Rights Compliance (CRC), of the Office of Justice Programs, and a copy to the CVAD.
6. If required to formulate an **Equal Opportunity Program (EEOP)**, in accordance with 28 CFR 42.302, it will submit a certification that it has a current EEOP on file, which meets the applicable requirements. A copy of the EEOP must be submitted to the Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights.
7. It will comply with the provisions set forth in the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) **Financial Guide** and any applicable provisions of 28 CFR Part 66 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements.
8. It will provide for an independent **audit** report on an annual basis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and the OJP Financial Guide which states:
 - a. Non-Federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more a year in Federal funds (from all sources including pass-through awards) in the organization fiscal year (12 month turnaround reporting period) shall have a single organization-wide audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.
 - b. Non-Federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from

Federal audit requirements for that year. Records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials including the Federal agency, State agency, and General Accounting Office (GAO).

9. No recipient of VAWA monies shall use or reveal any **research or statistical information** furnished under this program by any person and identifiable to any specific private person for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with the VAWA. Such information shall be immune from legal process and shall not, without the consent of the person furnishing such information, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit, or other judicial, legislative, or administrative proceeding.
10. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with **Federal money**, all grantees receiving Federal funds, including but not limited to State and local governments, shall clearly state (1) the percentage of the total cost of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money, and (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the projects or program.
11. It will comply with any **additional eligibility or service criteria** established by the Crime Victim Assistance Division.
12. Performance reports will be submitted on the fifth day after the end of each quarter during the contract period or as required by the Crime Victim Assistance Division.
13. It will notify the Crime Victim Assistance Division (CVAD) office **in writing or via e-mail** within 30 days of any staffing change.
14. It will notify the Crime Victim Assistance Division (CVAD) office **in writing or via e-mail** of any VAWA-funded positions that remain vacant for 45 days or more. This notification must include reason for vacancy and plan for filling the position.
15. It will expend funds received only for the purposes and activities covered by the grantee's approved application and budget; and that the grant may be **suspended or terminated** at any time by the CVAD if the grantee fails to comply with the provisions of the VAWA or any of the certified assurances listed above.
16. Any court, law enforcement, and prosecution agency receiving Violence Against Women Act grant funds certify that in the course of developing their VAWA grant appropriation, they have consulted with local Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Abuse programs to ensure that the proposed activities and equipment acquisitions are designed to promote safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence.
17. It will not use any federal funds for lobbying and will comply with requirements as applicable under 28 CFR Part 69 regarding New Restrictions on Lobbying.
18. It will comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67 Sections 67.615 and 67.620.
19. It will encourage adoption and enforcement of on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for its employees, contractors, and subrecipients when operating agency-owned, rented, or personally owned vehicles pursuant to 23 USC 402 and 403, and 29 USC 668.

20. It will comply with 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg to 3796gg-5, Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 - Pub. L. No. 90-351 Violence Against Women Act, Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 - Pub. L. No. 103-322, Violence Against Women Act of 2000, Division B of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 - Pub. L. No. 106-386, and Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, Public Law 109-162 as amended.

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I certify that the program in this application meets all the requirements stated in these certified assurances and the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, Public Law 109-162 as amended, and that all the information presented is correct, and the application will comply with the provisions of the Act and all other federal laws, regulations, and guidelines. By appropriate language incorporated in each subcontract or other document under which funds are to be disbursed, the undersigned shall assure the applicable conditions above apply to all recipients of assistance. I also certify that the funded program in this application will abide by all of the requirements and restrictions outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) (the "Recovery Act").

Program Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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