

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Programs

Programs may include, but are not limited to, state offices and agencies, public or private nonprofit agencies, units of local government, nonprofit and nongovernmental victim services programs. A local unit of government is defined as a city, county, town, township, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state and includes Indian tribes, which perform law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Program Match Requirements

Programs are required to provide 25% match from non-federal sources, except as provided in the OJP Financial Guide. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/FinGuide/> Governmental programs are required to make 25% **cash** match. Non-profit, nongovernmental victim services programs are not required to make match.

VAWA programs must maintain records that clearly show the source, the amount, and the period during which the match was allocated. The basis for determining the value of personal services, materials, equipment, and space must be documented. Volunteer services must also be documented.

Grant Period

Grant contracts will be awarded for a 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. The grant program allows for a three year application format that includes information on budget, statistics, activities, and services for the current year and projected for the first year of the three-year grant cycle. Contracts will be issued annually for every year of the three year grant period. The contract will include the amount of funds awarded for that year of the three-year grant period. A grantee must be in compliance with state and federal rules and in good standing with the VSG grant requirements and procedures to receive funding in the second and third years of the cycle. The amount available to designated grantees in the second and third year of the cycle will be based on the Federal and State grant funds available.

No new grant applications will be accepted in year two of the three-year grant cycle. Applications from new grantees may be invited for the third year of the grant cycle. A new applicant in the third year of the funding cycle that is awarded funding will receive a contract for one year of grantee designation and funding. The new grantee will be eligible to apply for a three-year grant period after the first year of designation as a grantee.

Programs will not be allowed to carry over or extend prior awards into the next fiscal year. Any prior award amounts remaining un-obligated as of June 30 will revert to CVAD.

Grant programs are funded on a reimbursement basis and are subject to the availability of federal funds. All programs awarded grant funds must complete either monthly or quarterly claim vouchers requesting reimbursement, and program performance reports. Programs will be required to receive reimbursement via electronic transfer of funds (EFT).

Non-Supplanting Requirements

VAWA grant funds received must be used to supplement, not supplant funding that would otherwise be available for expenditure on activities described in this strategy. Monies disbursed under this grant must be used to fund new programs, or expand or enhance existing programs. VAWA funds cannot be used to supplant or replace existing funds already allocated to funding programs. Grant funds may not be used to replace state or local funds (or, where applicable, funds provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs) that would, in the absence of Federal aid, be available or forthcoming for programs to combat violence against women.

Meeting eligibility requirements does not mean your agency will be awarded grant funds. For more information about the grant award process please contact Victim Services Grant Administrator Donna Phillips at 1-800-373-5044.