

Executive Office of Public Safety & Security Office of Grants & Research



FFY 2017 Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant Program

**Competitive Availability of Grant Funds
Bidders Conference & Webinar
August 17, 2017 & August 22, 2017**



Agenda

- Welcome
- FFY 2017 VAWA STOP Competitive Availability of Grant Funds Application Overview
- Question and Answer Session



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Key Dates

AGF Posted	Friday, August 11, 2017
Bidders Conference	Thursday, August 17, 2017
Bidders Webinar	Tuesday, August 22, 2017
Letter of Intent Due	Thursday, August 24, 2017
Questions/Answers posted to EOPSS website	Monday, August 28, 2017
Applications Due	Thursday, September 14, 2017
Award Announcements	On or about December 1, 2017
Grant Period	January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018



Applicant Eligibility, Overview

Entities eligible to apply include:

- Massachusetts state agencies;
- Local and tribal law enforcement;
- Non-profits, public, and/or private non-governmental agencies;
- Federally recognized Indian tribes;
- Faith-based organizations; and
- Culturally specific community-based organizations.



Culturally Specific Community-based Organization Defined

A culturally specific community-based organization is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or tribal organization that serves a specific geographic community that:

- Focuses primarily on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking;
- Has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking;
- Has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking; **or**
- Obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking through collaboration;

And:

- Is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Services Act); **and**
- Is providing services tailored to the unique needs of that population.



Populations to be served with VAWA STOP funds

- Although the focus of the proposed projects should be on female victims, subgrantees are expected to serve male victims who are in need and request services.
- The STOP Program is designed to respond to the needs of adult and youth victims. Youth is defined as “a person who is 11 to 24 years old.”
- However, STOP funds may be used to address child sexual abuse when the victim is now an adult, provided that the abuse occurred or continued when the victim was age 11 or older.



Funding Breakdown

EOPSS is federally mandated to allocate VAWA STOP funding in the following manner:

Allocation	Funding Categories
30%	Victim Services: non-profits, public, and/or private non-governmental agencies (<i>of which 10% must be awarded to culturally specific community-based organizations</i>)
25%	Law Enforcement: local and tribal law enforcement, and state agencies performing criminal justice nexus
25%	Prosecution: prosecution entities
15%	Discretionary: (<i>EOPSS will distribute amongst categories based on need and demand</i>)
5%	Courts: state and tribal

Pursuant to VAWA 2013, At least 20% of the total amount granted will be allocated to programs or projects in two or more allocations that meaningfully address sexual assault.



Availability of Funding

- Total funding available is estimated at **\$2.8 million**.
- EOPSS anticipants awarding projects that range between a **minimum of \$40,000** to a **maximum of \$250,000** in federal funding over a 12-month grant period.
- Successful applicants selected for funding will be eligible for an additional three years of continuation funding (essentially making this a **four-year grant award**).
- Eligible applicants may only submit **ONE** application per agency. Agencies submitting more than one application may be disqualified.



Activities That May Compromise Victim Safety Will Not Be Supported

- Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services;
- Procedures or policies that impose requirements on victims in order to receive services (e.g., seek an order of protection, receive counseling, participate in couples counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek civil or criminal remedies, etc.);
- Offering or ordering anger management programs for offenders as a substitute for batterer's intervention programs; and
- Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims.



Out-of-Scope and Unallowable Activities

VAWA STOP funds are not permitted to support the following items and activities:

- RAD classes;
- Law enforcement equipment;
- Development or implementation of curricula for primary or secondary schools;
- Media campaigns or campaigns directed toward the general public;
- Research, lobbying, and fundraising; or
- Purchase of real estate property, moving expenses, and construction or physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations such as painting or carpeting.



Grant Compliance

- Recipients of federal funds must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) and Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number.
- Sub-recipients must protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services.
- Supplanting of funds is prohibited. Funds for projects and services provided through this grant are intended to supplement, not supplant, other state or local funding sources.



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VAWA STOP Grant Program

Allowable Purpose Areas

- Eligible applicants must propose a project that falls within at least one or more of the allowable purpose areas as outlined in the VAWA STOP AGF.
- Please refer to **Attachment L** to see how proposed program activities align with the following federal purpose areas.



OVW Guidelines

- Accommodations and language access
- Legal assistance
- Consultation with victim service providers
 - a. Law Enforcement Applicants
 - b. Court or Prosecution Applicants



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Application Requirements

- Organizational chart
- The following components should be answered in the corresponding section within the VAWA Response Template (see Attachment A):
- **Section 1, Project Narrative:** The narrative is comprised of four sections:
 1. *Executive Summary;*
 2. *Statement of the Problem and Needs Assessment;*
 3. *Program Description, including Law Enforcement and Prosecution specific requirements; and*
 4. *Goals, Objectives, Activities, Timeline, Performance Measures, and Evaluation.*



Application Requirements, continued

Section 2, Budget: Applicants must submit a twelve-month budget that outlines the necessary costs to implement the proposed project. Applications must be prepared utilizing the forms listed below:

- Budget Detail and Narrative Form (Refer to **Attachment A**); and
- Excel Budget Worksheet (Refer to **Attachment B**). Please be sure to complete and submit both the summary sheet and worksheet tabs.



Match Requirements

Note: Non-profit victim service providers and federally recognized tribes are *exempt* from providing match.

For all applicants submitting an application, the federal share of a VAWA STOP grant may not be more than 75% of the total costs of the project. Therefore, a 25%, non-federal, cash or in-kind match is required.

Example: If applying for a \$30,000 federal grant, the applicant must provide **an additional** \$10,000 in matching funds ($\$30,000/3 = \$10,000$).

Federal funds =	\$30,000 (75%)
Match funds =	<u>\$10,000 (25%)</u>
Total Project Cost =	\$40,000 (100%)

In-kind match may include:

1. Equipment;
2. Office supplies, workshop, or classroom materials;
3. Work space; or
4. Value of time contributed by professional and technical personnel, and other skilled and unskilled labor if the services they provide are a necessary part of the funded project.



Assistance Post Bidders Conference

The only allowable communication between the applicant and EOPSS between the time the AGF is posted until the proposal due date is:

- Verbal questions and answers given at the **August 17, 2017** bidders conference and **August 22, 2017** bidders webinar.
- Written questions submitted by e-mail no later than **Thursday, August 24, 2017** to: vawastopagf@state.ma.us.
- Written questions and responses will be posted to the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security website by **Monday, August 28, 2017**.



Application Submission

Hard Copy Submission:

- The signed and completed VAWA STOP Grant Application Response Template and all other required documents must be received by OGR **no later than 4:00pm on September 14, 2017.**
- **One original and four copies** of the application

Electronic Submission:

- E-mail Attachments A and B **ONLY** to: vawastopagf@state.ma.us **no later than 4:00pm on September 14, 2017.**
- Be sure to include applicant name in email subject line



FFY 2017 Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant – AGF Attachments

- A. VAWA STOP Grant Application Response Template (All Applicants)**
- B. Excel Budget Worksheet (All Applicants)**
- C. Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of VAWA
- D. MOA/Certification of Consultation (Sample) (Law Enforcement Applicants)
- E. Certification of Consultation (Sample) (Court and Prosecution Applicants)
- F. Contractor Authorized Signatory Form (All Applicants except for State Agencies)**
- G. Legal Assistance Certification Letter (Sample)
- H. Guidelines for Civilian Advocates in Police Departments
- I. Sub-Grantee Risk Assessment Form (All Applicants)**
- J. Letter of Intent (Sample)
- K. Bidders Conference Registration Form
- L. VAWA Purpose Areas and Project Examples



Applicant Review Criteria

Section	Potential Points Earned
Executive Summary and Program Narrative	30 Points
Project Goals, Objectives, Timeline and Activities	20 Points
Performance Measures	10 Points
Reasonable and Cost Effective Budget	25 Points
Proposal Completeness	15 Points
Total	100 Points



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Massachusetts VAWA STOP Grant Program Website

For additional information regarding the Massachusetts Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant Program, please visit the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security website at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-and-training/justice-and-prev/grants/vawa-stop/>

*Thank You for your interest in the
Massachusetts VAWA STOP Grant Program.*