

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



**FFY 2022 Violence Against Women Act STOP
Grant Program**

**Competitive Availability of Grant Funds
Bidders Virtual Meeting
September 29, 2022**



Agenda

- Welcome
- FFY 2020 VAWA STOP Competitive Availability of Grant Funds Application Overview
- Question and Answer Session



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Key Dates

AGF POSTED	Monday September 26, 2022
Bidders Virtual Meeting	Thursday, September 29, 2022
Questions and Answers on AGF/Application	Tuesday, October 19, 2022
Applications Due	Wednesday, October 26, 2022
Award Announcements	December 2022
Grant Period	January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023



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.
- Colleges and University's Campus Police



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, stalking and human trafficking;
- Has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking;
- Has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking; **or**
- Obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking 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 this grant is specified as the as the Violence Against **Women** Act Grant and is primarily based on serving female victims, subgrantees are expected to serve male victims who are in need and request services.
- The programs should be designed to respond to the needs of youth (ages 11-24) adults, adults 50 years of age or older, individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are or were victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence stalking and human trafficking.



Funding Breakdown

OGR 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



Availability of Funding

- Total funding available is estimated at **\$2.5 million**.
- OGR 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

See Pages 5-6 in the AGF for the full list



Out-of-Scope and Unallowable Activities

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

- Rape Aggression Defense 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 use their assigned Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
- 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.



Civil Rights Compliance Requirement

As the State Administering Agency for grants issued by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is responsible for ensuring sub-recipients of DOJ grant awards and their sub-contractors comply with applicable federal civil rights laws and regulations.



Civil Rights Compliance Requirement

Specifically:

- The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex, in OJP and COPS funded programs or activities. ([42 U.S.C. § 3789d](#) and [28 C.F.R. §42.201 et seq.](#))
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in OJP and COPS funded programs or activities. ([42 U.S.C. § 2000d](#) and [28 C.F.R. §42.101 et seq.](#))
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in OJP and COPS funded programs or activities. ([29 U.S.C. § 794](#) and [28 C.F.R. § 42.501 et seq.](#))



Civil Rights Compliance Requirement

- Section 1407 of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in VOCA funded programs or activities. ([42 U.S.C. § 10604](#))
- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as it relates to discrimination on the basis of disability in OJP or COPS funded programs or activities. ([42 U.S.C. § 12132](#) and [28 C.F.R. Pt. 35](#)).
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as it relates to discrimination on the basis of sex in OJP and COPS funded training or educational programs. ([20 U.S.C. § 1681](#) and [28 C.F.R. pt 54](#)).
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as it relates to services discrimination on the basis of age in OJP or COPS funded programs or activities. ([42 U.S.C. § 6102](#) and [28 C.F.R. § 42.700 et seq.](#))
- The DOJ regulations on the Equal Treatment Regulations for Faith Based Organizations, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion in the delivery of services and prohibit organizations from using DOJ funding on inherently religious activities.



VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022 Nondiscrimination Grant Condition

- 13) CIVIL RIGHTS.—
- (A) NONDISCRIMINATION.—No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in paragraph 249(c)(4) of Title 18, United States Code), sexual orientation, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any programs or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322; 108 Stat. 1902), the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–386; 114 Stat. 1491), the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162; 119 Stat. 3080), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the Office on Violence Against Women.
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VAWA STOP Grant Program

Allowable Purpose Areas

- 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 **the AGF pages 8-9.**



Eligibility Requirements – Special Conditions

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



Application Requirements

- 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 OGR between the time the AGF is posted until the proposal due date is:

- **Verbal questions and answers given today September 29, 2022.**
- **OGR will accept written questions pertaining to this AGF through October 19, 2022. Questions must be submitted via email to Jenny.Barron@mass.gov .**
- **The responses to all questions will be routinely updated with a final no later than October 20, 2022.at:<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/justice-and-prevention-grants>.**



Application Submission

- **1: Hard Copy**

A signed application and all required attachments must be submitted either U.S. Post Office, UPS, or FedEx to OGR. Applicants are encouraged to use tracking numbers when submitting via U.S. Post Office, UPS, or FedEx. Applications must be either postmarked or received by OGR by 4:00 p.m. on October 26, 2022.

- **2: Electronic Copy**

In addition to the mailed application, applicants must submit all documents via email. It is strongly encouraged that applicants save their progress as they complete their applications. Application documents created by OGR must be received in their respective formats (**fillable PDF/Excel**) and cannot be accepted in an alternative format (i.e., scanned copies). Applicants may use read receipts to ensure delivery of applications.

- **** Application documents must be emailed to: VAWASTOPAGF@mass.gov ****

Please ensure that all required attachments are sent as individual documents and labeled correctly (refer to the application checklist, above), clearly identifying the applicant. OGR recommends using the following **example** as a proper attachment label:

- **2022_STOP_Application_AgencyName**
- **2022_STOP_Budget_AgencyName**

Applications are due no later than October 26, 2022.



FFY 2022 Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant – AGF Attachments

A complete application including **one signed original** mailed no later than the submission deadline OCTOBER 26, 2022 no later than 4:00 PM.

Attachment B Excel Budget Worksheet

Contractor Authorized Signatory Form (all applicants except state agencies).

Documentation of approved rates for Fringe, Indirect, and 501 (c)(3) status (if applicable).

MOA/Certification of Consultation for Law Enforcement Applicants

MOA/Certification of Consultation for Victim Services Applicants looking to sub-contract or partner with law enforcement to establish and/or maintain a civilian police advocacy program.



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Certification of Consultation for Court and Prosecution Applicants

Certification Letter for Applicants Proposing to Provide Legal Assistance

Guidelines for Specialized Domestic Violence Civilian Advocates (Police Departments only when applicable – no signature required)

Sub-Grantee Risk Assessment .



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



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-Office of Grants and Research website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/violence-against-women-act-vawa-stop-grant-program>

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



VAWA BIDDERS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS