

## History of the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Fund

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**2001** - The passage of HB 2918 establishes the **Oregon Domestic & Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Fund** as ORS 147.450 and OAR 137-086-0000.<sup>1</sup> The ODSVS Fund is used by the Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (DOJ CVSSD) to carry out a program of domestic and sexual violence services that provides assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, promotes effective intervention to reduce such violence, and facilitates interagency and interdepartmental cooperation among state and local agencies.<sup>2,3</sup> A planning committee is appointed by the Attorney General. The committee presents a plan for disbursement of the first ODSVS appropriation.

**2001-2011** – Each biennium, forty-nine (49) non-profit organizations receive ODSVS funding from DOJ CVSSD to provide services to victims and survivors in every county across Oregon.

**2004** – First joint meeting of DOJ CVSSD and the Department of Human Services (DHS). The two departments engage in a strategic planning process. DOJ CVSSD and DHS contract with independent consultants to inform and offer recommendations for future allocations of ODSVS funding to non-profit organizations providing domestic and sexual violence advocacy services.

**2006** – The *Equity Allocation Study*<sup>4</sup> is produced which recommends a single allocation formula (aka “The Joint Formula”). The base amount for each county in the formula considers factors such as population, prevalence rates and service provision. The resulting formula is presented as “base amount plus per capita”. The consultants determine that just over \$16,000,000 per year is necessary to implement the Joint Formula to cover basic crisis response services for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The study establishes two key values for implementation of the formula throughout the state: 1) provide meaningful access to survivors, and 2) stabilize services.

**2007** - DOJ CVSSD and DHS begin implementing the recommendations of the *Equity Allocation Study*. The two departments release a funding opportunity announcement titled “2007-2009 Joint Non-Competitive Funds Request for Applications” which includes monies from:

- DOJ CVSSD: Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund; Victims of Crime Act Grant Fund; Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Formula Grant Fund
- DHS: Domestic Violence Fund (ORS 409.292); Sexual Assault Fund (ORS 409.273)

At this time, DOJ CVSSD begins awarding 20% of Joint Formula funding for organizations providing culturally specific services and 15% to organizations providing sexual assault specific services.

**2009** – Oregon budget shortfalls result in a decrease of ODSVS funds appropriated by the Oregon State Legislature. DOJ CVSSD uses other funds to backfill ODSVS through the Joint Formula so that

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/grant-funds-programs/oregon-domestic-and-sexual-violence-services-odsvs-fund/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Reports/2001SummaryOfLegislation.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Reports/2001SummaryOfLegislation.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Reports/2001SummaryOfLegislation.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Reports/2001SummaryOfLegislation.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ABUSE/DOMESTIC/Documents/Joint%20Funding-Equity%20Study%20Report.pdf>;  
<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ABUSE/DOMESTIC/DVAG/DVFAC%20Resources%20Docs/DHS%20funding%20-%20Overview%20of%20ODSV%20Program%202011.pdf>

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organizations do not experience a reduction in their overall award amounts or a disruption of services.

**2011** – The nine federally recognized Tribal Nations in Oregon are added to the list of eligible applicants for OSDVS and VAWA funding through the Joint Formula.

**2011-2020** – DOJ CVSSD awards OSDVS funds to 58 non-profit organizations and federally recognized Tribal Nations.

**2013** – Oregon House Bill 4077<sup>5</sup> is passed mandating that each school district adopts a policy addressing teen dating violence. HB 4077, aka the Healthy Teen Relationship Act, amends ORS 147.453 to include “Encourages and supports services, programs and curricula to educate and inform students in grades 7 through 12 about teen dating violence, to provide assistance to victims of teen dating violence and to present and reduce the incidence of teen dating violence.”

**2017** - Oregon budget shortfalls once again result in a decrease of OSDVS funds appropriated by the Oregon State Legislature.<sup>6</sup> DOJ CVSSD uses other funding to backfill OSDVS through the Joint Formula so that organizations and Tribal Nations do not experience a reduction in their overall award amounts or a disruption of services.

**2018** – DOJ CVSSD and DHS create a joint workgroup to re-examine the Joint Formula. The joint workgroup offers recommendations on how DOJ CVSSD and DHS can update the Joint Formula in future biennia.

**2019** – The Oregon State Legislature passes HB 2006 which appropriates \$3 million to the OSDVS Fund.<sup>7</sup> DOJ CVSSD is authorized to distribute these funds for the purpose of assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs. DOJ CVSSD awards the funds to fifty-five (55) non-profit organizations and Tribal Nations through a process separate from the Joint Formula. OSDVS funds for housing are in addition to the \$10.15 million of OSDVS Funds appropriated by the Oregon State Legislature for the 2019-2021 biennium.

DOJ CVSSD and DHS release the 2019-2021 Joint Non-Competitive Grant Funds Request for Applications.<sup>8</sup> The Request for Applications is updated and incorporates several recommendations of the joint workgroup.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2012R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4077/Introduced>;  
[https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ODSVS\\_2013-15\\_Grant\\_Management\\_Handbook.pdf](https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ODSVS_2013-15_Grant_Management_Handbook.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/about-the-oregon-department-of-justice/oregon-department-of-justice-budget/>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/DVSA\\_Alliance\\_2019\\_Legislative\\_Session\\_Summary\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/DVSA_Alliance_2019_Legislative_Session_Summary_FINAL.pdf);  
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB2006>

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019\\_joint\\_rfa.pdf](https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019_joint_rfa.pdf)