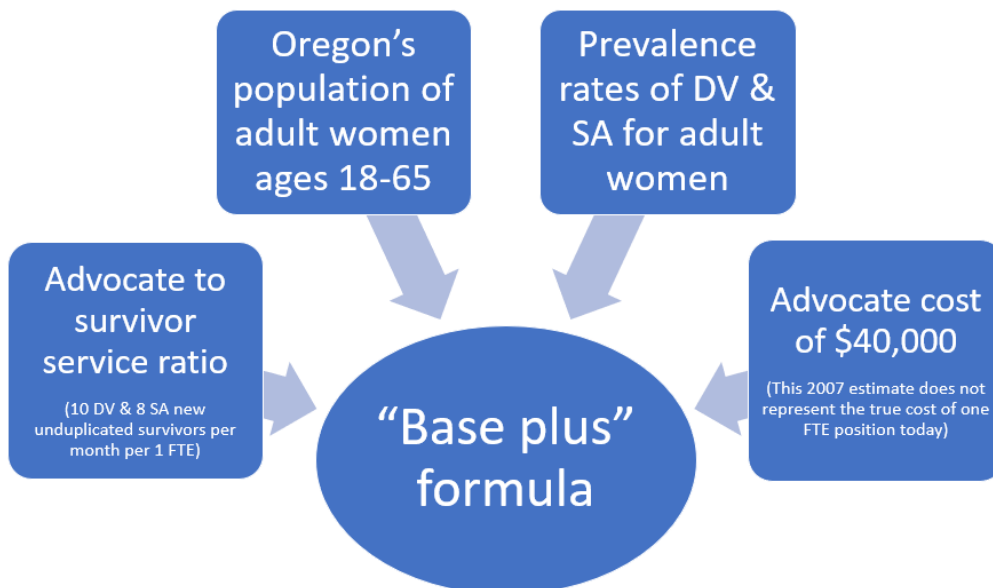


### How ODSVS funding decisions were determined and distributed.

Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) funds are allocated and distributed through ODOJ’s joint non-competitive funding formula, or the “Joint Formula”. In 2006, the Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) and its partners established a joint formula to effectively distribute non-competitive federal and state grant funds to non-profit domestic violence and sexual assault (DVSA) advocacy organizations throughout the state. The Joint Formula was recommended after completion of an ‘Equity Allocation Study’ which focused on geographic equity and attempted to reconcile the needs of rural and urban DVSA programs. The Formula was designed to provide funding for three FTE staff to meet the critical response needs of each county or service area. Even at its inception, the Formula recognized that this was a floor for funding and far from adequate to appropriately serve the needs of survivors of domestic and sexual violence. When the formula was first implemented in 2007, it was estimated that \$16.28 million would be required to meet this basic level of service.

The Formula established a base amount for each service area regardless of population, with the remaining funds being distributed by population (base plus population) for each service area. The formula established an initial benchmark of \$16.28 million with ODSVS as a significant contributor of funding. The current base plus population formula relies on four elements that together determine the allocation of funds to each service area. A service area is a county or Tribal Nation. All subrecipients are scheduled to receive a base amount of \$120,000 except for the three smallest population counties (Sherman, Wheeler, Gilliam) which receive a \$20,000 base amount. Figure 1 shows how the current formula is structured.

Figure 1 – Joint Formula Composition 2007 to present



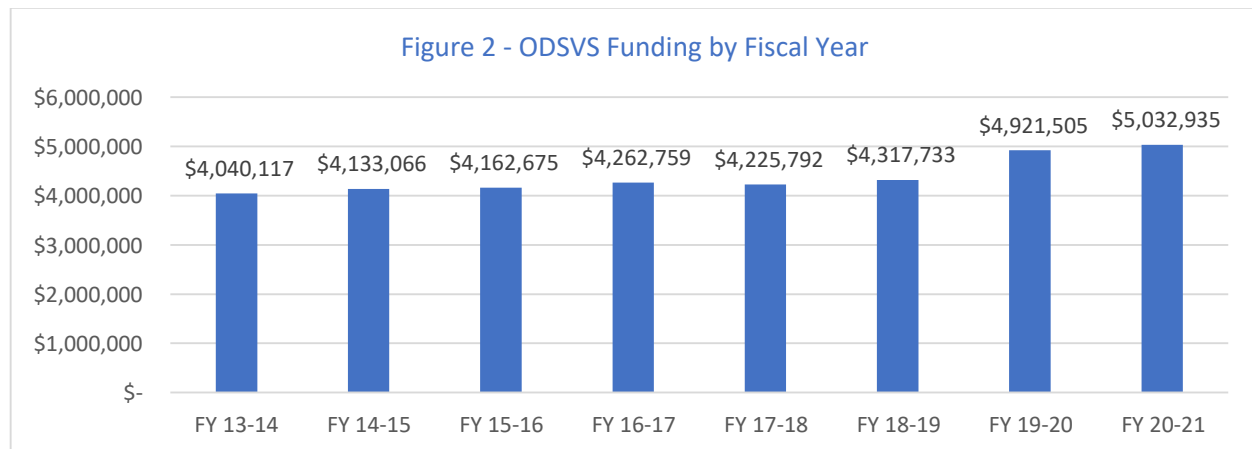
As the Joint Formula has been implemented, the following priorities and adjustments have been adopted:

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1. **Hold steady and protect from loss.** As funds are available, counties and Tribal Nations receive at least the same total of combined funds as they did in the prior grant period. As the seven funds that feed into the Joint Formula fluctuate, individual fund losses are balanced against other fund gains, largely protecting organizations and Tribal Nations from any net loss. As one fund increases and another decreases, subrecipients may still experience overall gains as the formula progresses towards the benchmark.
2. **Distribution of funds to counties with more than one or no service providers.** The joint formula schedules the allocation of funds to a particular county or service area. If multiple providers offer services in the county, then CVSSD negotiates and prioritizes the distribution of formula funds to those providers based on the populations they predominantly serve. Funding for three frontier counties of Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler is given to an organization in Wasco County that provides services in that area.
3. **Balance the formula and promote equity.** CVSSD has adjusted the formula over its lifespan. This included a “bump” to base amounts for counties farthest away from the formula funding benchmark for the area. CVSSD also added a “differential” for culturally specific organizations to honor their work serving Oregon’s populations impacted by inequity.

### How services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault have been funded by ODSVS from the 2013-15 to the 2019-21 biennia.

Each biennium, forty-nine (49) non-profit organizations and nine (9) federally recognized Tribal Nations are eligible to receive ODSVS funds through the Joint Formula. From 2013 to 2021, ODSVS funding constituted between 30% to 40% of funds that are included in the Joint Formula. ODSVS funds have grown incrementally over time as seen in Figure 2.



ODSVS funds support services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence in every county across Oregon. Two key values inform the allocation and distribution of ODSVS funds through the Joint Formula, 1) meaningful access to services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and 2) a stable system of services to the extent possible. ODSVS funds are released through a non-competitive request for applications every two years titled the “Joint Non-Competitive Funds Application”.

### **How governance, oversight, compliance, and auditing are conducted for ODSVS funds.**

CVSSD monitors ODSVS awards for compliance with applicable state guidelines, and to determine if recipients are providing services outlined in their applications and grant agreements. CVSSD accomplishes monitoring activities through a variety of methods, including risk assessments, financial and progress reports (which includes qualitative and quantitative data), financial and administrative desk reviews, documentation verification of expenses, in person site visits, and technical assistance. CVSSD fund coordinators are primarily responsible for conducting these monitoring activities for those subrecipients assigned to them. Additionally, CVSSD has a two-person compliance team that specializes in providing technical assistance and support to subrecipients who are identified as high risk or non-compliant with the terms and conditions of their grant award(s). To read more about CVSSD's policy on grant monitoring visit <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/for-grantees/grant-guidance-documents/>

### **How performance standards are established, reported and outcomes measured for ODSVS funds.**

Eligible subrecipients of ODSVS are non-profit organizations, federally recognized Tribal Nations, and/or a victim services division or program of a non-profit organization or tribal government. These recipients' primary purpose must be to serve victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Performance standards are based on the criteria set forth in the request for applications (RFA) for the Joint Non-Competitive Funds. Recipients must provide certain services such as advocacy, safety planning, information and referral, peer support and 24-hour crisis line response. Additional standards are outlined as "common requirements" that direct recipients about meaningful access to services, training expectations, confidentiality and advocate-victim privilege, partnerships, and community engagement. These performance standards were initially developed by ODOJ and its joint advisory committee. Currently ODOJ consults with its advisory committee and subcommittees about updates to the performance standards.

Performance measures are reported semi-annually (four times) over the course of an award period/biennium. Recipients submit qualitative progress reports to ODOJ via its EGrants system. These progress reports ask open-ended questions that give respondents an opportunity to describe their performance using ODSVS funds. ODOJ asks questions about:

- Access to services (e.g., Are services survivor centered and culturally responsive? Are services reaching populations impacted by inequity?)
- Partnerships and community engagement
- Organizational practices for advocacy, crisis lines and emergency shelter
- Methods for collecting statistical data

Progress reports also capture quantitative data for overall domestic and sexual violence services. From 2007 to 2020, quantitative data was collected using the "Striving to Meet the Need" report for the calendar year. This report captured data about all services provided by recipients of the joint non-competitive funding. In 2019, collection of data for the "Striving to Meet the Need" report was paused to allow time to introduce a new data management software called 'OSNIUM'. Organizations who chose to use OSNIUM as their data management software were scheduled to begin using it in fall 2019. In 2020, ODOJ redesigned the "Striving to Meet the Need" report to streamline and simplify the statewide reporting requirements. The new "Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSV) Statewide Services"

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report was launched on July 1, 2021 to capture data about all services including ODSVS. This report uses the fiscal year and is now built into ODOJ's EGrants system. Figure 3 offers comparative data from the January 2012 to December 2021 "Striving to Meet the Need" reports to demonstrate changes in the number of individuals served and emergency shelter services provided from year to year.

