

VAWA AUTHORIZED PURPOSE AREAS

VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022

In FY 2023, funds under the STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program may be used for the following purposes:

Program Area	Purpose Area
1 Training	Train law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence, including the use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (U) and (T) of section 101(a) (15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 2202 (a));
2 Enhancement Efforts	Develop, train or expand units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence;
3 Policy and Protocol Development	Develop and implement more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims including implementation of the grant conditions in section 40002 (b) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291 (b));
4 Data Collection and Communication Systems	Develop, install, or expand data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence;
5 Victim Service Programs and Visitation Centers	Develop, enlarge, or strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence programs, develop or improve delivery of victim services and legal assistance to underserved populations, provide specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increase reporting; and reduce attrition rates for cases involving violence crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence;
6 Indian Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Programs	Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
7 Statewide Multi-disciplinary Support	Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by State funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other State agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence;
8 Sexual Assault Nurse	Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the

Examiners (SANE)	collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault;
9 Elder and Disabled Victims	Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of individuals 50 years of age and over, individuals with disabilities, and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, legal assistance, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals.
10 Immigration	Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters;
11 New Initiatives and Emergency Services	Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families, including rehabilitative work with offenders
12 Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants	<p>Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants”) in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and may undertake the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases. • Notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency. • Referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines or legal assistance services); and • Taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order; <p><i>*Note: Only government-based agencies may apply for funding to support project activities under this purpose area.</i></p>
13 Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program	<p>Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as Crystal Judson Victim Advocates, to provide supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel; • the implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission

	<p>of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies (such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (“Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project” July 2003)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial and local victim service providers and domestic violence coalitions. • any law enforcement, state, tribal, territorial or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson DV Protocol Program under paragraph (13) shall on an annual basis, receive additional training on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel from DV and SA non-profit organizations and, after a period of two years, provide a report of the adopted protocol to the DOJ, including a summary of progress in implementing that protocol.
14 State, local or Tribal Legislation and Policies¹	Developing and promoting state, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
15 Sexual Assault Response Teams	Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault;
16 Law Enforcement and Prosecution Response to Sexual Assault Cases	Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims;
17 Sexual Assault Response in Correctional or Detention Settings	Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings;
18 Backlogs of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits	Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims;
19 Strengthened Programs and Services for victims affected but Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in section 249(c) of title 18, United States Code; and
20 Prevention and Educational Programming	Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or female genital mutilation or cutting, with not more than 5 percent of the amount allocated to a state to be used for this purpose.
21 Evidence Collection methods (including bruise photography)	Developing, enhancing, or strengthening programs and projects to improve evidence collection methods for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including through funding for technology that better detects bruising and

	injuries across skin tones and related training;
22 Responses to female genital mutilation or cutting	Developing, enlarging, or strengthening culturally specific victim services programs to provide culturally specific victim services and responses to female genital mutilation or cutting;
23 Victim Advocates in State, local law enforcement, prosecution, and courts to support advocacy to Indian victims	Providing victim advocates in State or local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and courts to provide supportive services and advocacy to Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
24 Pay governmental authority fees for documentation required by law for victim or child of victim	<p>Paying any fees charged by any governmental authority for furnishing a victim or the child of a victim with any of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (A) A birth certificate or passport of the individual, as required by law. • (B) An identification card issued to the individual by a State or Tribe, that shows that the individual is a resident of the State or a member of the Tribe.