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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Opportunity Type: Competitive Assistance Listing Number: 16.017

Release Date: August 31, 2026

Estimated Total Funding: \$1,412,130

RFA Deadline: All applications are due by 4:59 p.m. PST on October 12, 2026

Match Requirement: None

Expected Number of Awards: 4-6

E-Grants Registration Deadline: September 14, 2026

Initiate Application Deadline: September 28, 2026

More information regarding the CVSSD E-Grants system registration process is available at: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/for-grantees/CVSSD-e-grants-information/>. New applicants must register in CVSSD E-grants in order to apply for this competitive funding opportunity. If you are a new applicant and do not currently receive CVSSD grant funds and need assistance with this process, please contact Twila Rosenberg at 503-798-0826 or Twila.Rosenberg@doj.oregon.gov.

All applications that will be considered for funding must be initiated in E-grants by September 28, 2026.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, Tribal organizations, and Governmental entities (cannot be part of the criminal justice system and must be able to offer a comparable level of confidentiality as a nonprofit entity that provides similar victim services).
- Applicants that provide services to individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault, without regard to the age of the individual.
- Applicants that provide population specific services (which may include services to culturally specific populations).
- Applicants that demonstrate that they are, or are developing as, a population specific organization or program.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Meaningfully increase access to OVW programming for underserved populations (based on race, ethnicity, disability, age, etc.).

- Enhance and strengthen meaningful access to population-specific and culturally responsive services for:
 - o adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault who are members of an underserved population;
 - o family and household members of such victims; and
 - o other non-offending individuals impacted by the victimization.
- Direct funding to address one or more of the following service needs:
 - o Advocacy Services
 - o Counseling and Support Group Services
 - o Emergency Financial Support Services
 - o Medical and Legal Accompaniment
 - o System Collaboration
 - o Other locally documented services gaps

UNDERSERVED POPULATION PRIORITIES

- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) priorities: based on race, color, national origin (includes limited English proficient), sex, religion, and disability.
- Additional CVSSD priorities: rural, elderly, and children/adolescents/teens.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For assistance with the requirements of this Application, contact Twila Rosenberg at Twila.Rosenberg@doj.oregon.gov or at (503) 798-0826.

For technical assistance with E-Grants, contact Mackenzie Gray at Mackenzie.E.Gray@doj.oregon.gov or at (503) 378-5647.

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by November 17, 2026.

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SECTION I: GRANT APPLICATION BACKGROUND

Read ALL Instructions before completing the application

A. RESOURCES FOR REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

- This *Request for Applications* (RFA) is being released by the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ), Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (hereafter referred to as CVSSD).
- The RFA provides the guidelines to complete this application and is downloadable in PDF format from the CVSSD E-Grants system at: www.CVSSDegrants.com and from the CVSSD website on the [SASP Webpage](#).
- The *SASP Application Instructions* provides guidance for each Form to be completed. The Instructions can be found in the Request for Applications section on the Application Menu of the E-Grants SASP Competitive Application.
- The *CVSSD E-Grant Applicant User Guide* can answer many questions about navigating the system. The Guide can be found in CVSSD E-Grants at the welcome screen under “My Training Materials” and at: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/E-GrantsApplicantUserGuide.pdf>
- The *SASP Program Guidance*, cited throughout these instructions as a reference, is available:
 - In the Application Menu of the E-Grants SASP Competitive Application under ‘Request for Applications’, and
 - Downloadable in PDF format on the CVSSD website on the [SASP Webpage](#).

B. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CVSSD STAFF

For more information or to address questions specific to the application or application process:

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D. SASP COMPETITIVE RFA VIDEOCONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Applicants will have the opportunity to participate in two informational videoconferences. ***It is highly recommended that applicants attend at least one video conference since this is the primary opportunity to ask clarifying questions.*** The videoconference will be recorded and will be made available for review in CVSSD E-Grants. Refer to the table below for the dates and times for the videoconferences. Registration is not required to attend a videoconference.

DATE	TIME	VIDEOCONFERENCE
Wednesday, September 9, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	SASP Videoconference Join ZoomGov Meeting https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1657427903?pwd=TDE3rEXaNXhMz1otuMeHk4PLpQvCfO.1
		Meeting ID: 165 742 7903 Passcode: 064017 Join by Phone: +1-669-254-5252 US
Thursday, September 10, 2026	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	SASP Videoconference Join ZoomGov Meeting https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1652267359?pwd=crXNubxxwg349rETB4ra5blpdSQqdt.1
		Meeting ID: 165 226 7359 Passcode: 355095 Join by Phone: +1-669-254-5252 US

E. REQUEST FOR APPLICATION AMENDMENTS

Requests for clarification of a provision of this RFA may be submitted by e-mail or telephone to the Single Point of Contact listed above. To be considered, requests must be received by the Clarification Inquiries due date (September 21, 2026) listed in the Solicitation Schedule below of this RFA. Requests for clarification received after the due date may or may not receive a response based on the sole discretion of CVSSD. The Single Point of Contact will respond to each properly submitted request for clarification. Where appropriate, revisions and clarifications of the RFA provisions will be posted via amendment(s) issued by CVSSD and posted in the Application Menu of the application initiated in the CVSSD E-Grants System and on the CVSSD website on the SASP Webpage. CVSSD may also informally respond to applicants' questions. However, informal responses do not affect the provisions of the *2027-2028 SASP Competitive Application* which is only changed via formal amendment(s) issued by CVSSD.

CVSSD may amend this *2027-2028 SASP Competitive Grant Application* by posting Amendment(s) in the Application Menu of the application initiated in the CVSSD E-Grants System. When appropriate, CVSSD will issue and post an Amendment to the Application - Forms Menu in E-Grants, immediately below the Request for Applications. Amendments will also be posted on the CVSSD website on the [SASP Webpage](#).

Applicants are responsible to SAVE all information in CVSSD E-Grants. CVSSD accepts no responsibility for an applicant missing information contained on the CVSSD E-Grants system.

F. SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

TARGET DATES	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 31, 2026	SASP Competitive RFA released
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 & Thursday, September 10, 2026	SASP RFA Videoconference
Monday, September 14, 2026	E-Grants Registration Deadline
Monday, September 21, 2026	SASP RFA Clarification Inquiries DUE no later than 4:59 p.m. PST
Monday, September 28, 2026	Final Application Clarifications/Amendments POSTED
Monday, September 28, 2026	Initiate Application Deadline
Monday, October 12, 2026	Application DUE no later than 4:59 pm PST
October 12 – October 16, 2026	Application Review by CVSSD Fund Coordinators

TARGET DATES	ACTIVITY
October 19 – October 30, 2026	SASP External Review Period
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	CVSSD Advisory Committee Review
Thursday, November 5, 2026	CVSSD Award Recommendation to Attorney General (or designee)
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Attorney General (or designee) approval of final award recommendations
Tuesday, November 17, 2026	Award notification
Friday, December 11, 2026	All required modifications due to CVSSD
December 14 - December 31, 2026	Grant Agreements Signed
Friday, January 1, 2027	2027-2028 SASP Competitive grant period begins

G. DEFINITIONS

Definitions for purposes of this RFA are (unless otherwise noted) terms used by VAWA that apply to the SASP Program, as amended by VAWA 2013. These terms may be referenced at [VAWA 2013 Universal Definitions and Grant Conditions](#). Additional changes to definitions in 2016 clarify the difference between primary and secondary prevention and reduces repetition of statutory language.

Definitions in VAWA 2013 for culturally specific services, population specific services and underserved populations help to ensure that VAWA funded services effectively reach victims from communities with unique needs and characteristics, and communities whose members face systemic barriers to access services. The following definitions are important for applicants to consider when developing their proposals:

ACCESS TO SERVICES - is the degree to which a service is available to as many people as possible and the ability of people to benefit from a system or entity. Access barriers for underserved, communities and Tribal Nations may include complexity of application process, administrative barriers, language, transportation, and logistical barriers (hours of operation, word of mouth communication can limit access for underserved communities), and the history of how underserved communities have been treated when trying to access services from dominant culture programs. Approaches to improving accessibility should include welcoming spaces, and readily available assistive technology, adaptive technology, primary language materials, interpretation services, mobility access, sight access, hearing access, transportation assistance, etc.

COLLABORATION - is a mutually beneficial and well-defined relationship entered into by two or more organizations to achieve common goals. This relationship includes a commitment to mutual

relationships and goals, a jointly developed structure and shared responsibility. Mutual authority and accountability for success and sharing of resources and rewards.

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION - means a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or tribal organization that serves a specific geographic community that focuses primarily on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through collaboration.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE - To be culturally responsive is to learn from and relate respectfully with people from other cultures. It is the practice of delivering services rooted in awareness, respect, and appreciation of how culture informs survivors' beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors. Culturally responsive services value and seek out the voices, knowledge, and expertise of underrepresented groups. Culturally responsive providers seek to understand and learn from people who have different cultural or linguistic affiliations by virtue of their place of birth, ancestry or ethnic origin, religion, preferred language, or language spoken at home.

CULTURALLY SPECIFIC - means primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. 13925 section 300u-6(g)).

CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION and SERVICES- “culturally specific organizations” are those whose services are primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups. “Culturally specific services” means community-based services that are culturally relevant and linguistically specific and designed for culturally specific communities.

NOTE: “Population specific” is used broadly and is intended to encompass “culturally specific” by the inclusion of identities of race, ethnicity, and Tribal sovereignty and the expectation of delivering culturally responsive services to these communities.

POPULATION SPECIFIC SERVICES - are victim-centered services that address the safety, health, economic, legal, housing, workplace, immigration, confidentiality, or other needs of victims of sexual assault and that are designed primarily for and are targeted to a specific underserved population.

Population specific services can be the sole focus of an organization or can be a program within a larger organization. Some services may identify one population specific community. Others may serve multiple population specific communities simultaneously. Service delivery models will differ based on needs and experiences of the community.

For Purposes of this RFA the Criteria for Population Specific Services is-

Population specific services are created by and for specific underserved communities with an emphasis on the voices and experiences of survivors of interpersonal violence (such as sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, etc.).

1. Population-specific interventions are founded and designed from the ground up, by and for members of the underserved community and with ongoing guidance from survivors in the community.

2. The underserved community's lived experiences, core constructs, and particular needs (as defined by people from that community) inform the design and implementation of services and decision-making.
3. Services are population-specific focused. Values, behaviors, expectations, and norms of the underserved community are present at every level of the program's leadership team and service delivery.
4. Services and materials are provided in an accessible format in the primary language or mode of communication of the underserved group and/or individual survivor. (Based on definition developed by OCADSV.)

POPULATION SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION - is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or Tribal program that primarily serves members of a specific underserved population and has demonstrated experience and expertise providing targeted services to members of that specific underserved population.

POPULATION SPECIFIC PROGRAM WITHIN A LARGER ORGANIZATION - is a program within a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or Tribal governmental entity that primarily serves members of a specific underserved population and has demonstrated experience and expertise providing targeted services to members of that specific underserved population.

Criteria for Population Specific Organizations:

1. Decision makers, board members, management, leadership and/or advisory boards are comprised mostly of people of the underserved community.
2. Decision makers, board members, management, leadership and/or advisory boards consistently and actively engage in ongoing learning.
3. Decision makers, board members, management, leadership and/or advisory boards' process and practice to support alignment of services with needs and values of the underserved community.
4. The community being served (including individuals, groups, other providers) recognizes the organization as a population specific provider.
5. All organization staff are mostly people of the underserved community.
6. A majority of people the organization serves are from the underserved community. (Based on definition developed by OCADSV.)

Criteria for Population Specific Programs within a Larger Organization:

1. Decision makers, board members, management, leadership and/or advisory boards include representatives of the underserved community.
2. Decision makers, board members, management, leadership and/or advisory boards consistently and actively engage in ongoing learning.
3. Decision makers, board members, management, leadership and/or advisory boards' process and practice to support alignment of services with needs and values of the underserved community.
4. The community being served (including individuals, groups, other providers) recognizes the program as delivering population specific services.
5. All program staff are mostly people of the underserved community.
6. A majority of people the program serves are from the underserved community. (Based on definition developed by OCADSV.)

RURAL AREA and RURAL COMMUNITY- means any area or community, respectively, no part of which is within an area designated as a standard metropolitan statistical area by the Office of Management

and Budget; any area or community, respectively, that is within an area designated as a metropolitan statistical area or considered as part of a metropolitan statistical area; and located in a rural census tract; or any federally recognized Indian tribe.

UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS - means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, or age), and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate.

VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER - means a nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal organization or rape crisis center, including a State or Tribal coalition, that assists or advocates for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims, including domestic violence shelters, faith-based organizations, and other organizations, with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

VICTIM ADVOCATE - means a person, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, who provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or dating violence under the auspices or supervision of a victim services program.

SECTION II: REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ODOJ CVSSD FUNDS

CVSSD has established universal requirements for any application for state and federal grant funds administered by CVSSD. These requirements include:

A. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this funding through CVSSD, applicants must meet all eligibility criteria listed in Section II of this RFA.

B. COMMON REQUIREMENTS

1. Meaningful Access to Effective Services Supported with CVSSD Funds

All applicants must have written plans or other materials to describe how they provide meaningful access to effective services. At a minimum, plans must describe how:

- a. Provide timely information to victims/survivors for them to make informed decisions about their situation.
- b. Provide timely information to victims/survivors on how to apply for Crime Victim Compensation.
- c. Provide services at no cost to victims/survivors, and guarantee that services are voluntary for victims/survivors.
- d. Design and deliver services that are victim/survivor-centered and trauma-informed and will create safe and welcoming environments.
- e. Engage in planning and coordination of services with other providers *in advance* of working together to assist victims/survivors.
- f. Follow a referral process that cares for and serves the best interest of victims/survivors. Referrals must ensure that victims/survivors feel supported while being connected to other services. Referrals are “warm handoffs” not “drop-offs”.
- g. Establish policies and procedures that create a solid foundation for providing effective victim services.

2. Engage people and communities to build awareness, trust, and understanding, and to strengthen relationships.

All applicants must have written plans or other materials to describe how they engage the people they serve and their surrounding communities to build awareness, trust, and understanding, and strengthen relationships. At minimum, plans must describe how the applicant will:

- a. Gather insights from and learn about the people and communities who have the most needs.
- b. Get community input from all kinds of people who might seek victim/survivor services.
- c. Tap into local networks and engage in peer-to-peer dialogue to share knowledge and resources.

- d. Involve leadership and staff in developing and implementing plans for engagement and community feedback.
- e. Build awareness within the community about victim/survivor rights, protections, and services.

3. Confidentiality and Advocate-Victim Privilege (for victim service providers only) Such requirements are mandated by state and federal law and required by CVSSD. The laws are considered best practice to protect victim privacy and are consistent with other confidentiality provisions. See also specific sections of the RFA regarding state and federal funds and visit ODOJ CVSSD's [Advocate Privilege and Confidentiality Requirements](#).

4. Effective Services and Sound Administrative and Financial Management

All applicants must demonstrate that the program is effectively delivering services that are meaningfully accessible to all survivors and effectively managing the administrative and financial resources of the organization. This includes:

- a. Plans that describe how the applicant provides meaningful access to effective services per Section II.B 1 & 2.
- b. Administrative and financial risk assessments are completed and submitted with application.
- c. Financial and progress reports are true, accurate, timely, and complete.
- d. Participation in CVSSD's regular monitoring (Financial Report Verifications, Administrative & Financial Desk Reviews, and Site Visits).
- e. True and accurate financial records are kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and federal Uniform Guidance.

5. Training

All grant-funded staff, volunteers/interns, and board/governing body members are trained as appropriate as outlined in this RFA. See the [SASP Webpage](#) under Additional SASP Resources for specific required *SASP Training Requirements and Resources* and [Grant Guidance Documents](#) under *Training Requirements* for the required general advocate training.

6. Compliance with Relevant State and Federal Laws

Applicants must comply with relevant federal and state laws. These include civil rights laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs or activities (i.e., Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Limited English Proficiency guidelines (as applicable and when available)), state insurance requirements, and Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200.

7. Compliance with Fund Specific Guidance in this RFA.

C. POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

ODOJ CVSSD is responsible for ensuring that a subrecipient is in compliance with the general or specific terms and conditions of an award. If a determination of non-compliance is made, CVSSD will take one or more of the following actions in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 and the CVSSD grant agreement.

- 1. Perform additional project monitoring.
- 2. Establish corrective action plan(s) to address areas of concern.
- 3. Require the subrecipient to obtain technical or management assistance.

4. Place special conditions on subrecipient with moderate to high risk assessment scores.
5. Require payments as reimbursements rather than advance payments.
6. Perform monthly check-ins with fund coordinator.
7. Require monthly financial or progress reporting, or supplemental reports as requested by the Fund Coordinator.
8. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of a deficiency.
9. Disallow all or part of the cost of an activity or action not in compliance.
10. Wholly or partially suspend or terminate the award.
11. Withhold further awards for the project or program.
12. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

SECTION III: APPLICATION OVERVIEW

A. INTRODUCTION

The Sexual Assault Services (SASP) Formula Program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. §12511. SASP was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), as amended by the technical amendments to that act, and is the first Federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), created in 1995, implements VAWA, and subsequent legislation, including SASP.

The Office on Violence Against Women makes annual SASP Formula Program funds available to states and territories. The Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) is the State Administering Agency (SAA) for the Sexual Assault Services (SASP) Formula Programs as authorized by ORS 147.231.

SASP directs grant dollars to support eligible organizations that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of such victims and other non-offending individuals impacted by the victimization. Funds provided through the SASP Formula Program are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault.

CVSSD, its Advisory Committee, and its SASP Subcommittee are responsible for the development of the SASP Formula Program funding priorities. These funding priorities complement the following funding priorities set forth in Oregon's **VAWA FY 2026-2029 Implementation Plan (IP)**, specifically to:

- Provide victims of domestic and sexual assault, stalking and dating violence meaningful access to services and support programs (Priority #1).
- Support services to meet the needs of victims from Tribal Nations and other underserved populations, cultural or population specific communities that improve and enhance culturally specific services and increase cultural competency in the delivery of victim services (Priority #2).
- Ensure that “not less than 20% of the total award” in at least two categories will be allocated to meaningfully address sexual assault services as required in federal statute (Priority #4).
- Facilitate collaboration, consultation and planning among and between non-profit, governmental-based, and tribal victim service providers and law enforcement, prosecution, and courts (Priority #5).

Additionally, the SASP Formula Program aligns with the **OVW priority area** to:

- Projects dedicated to direct victim services, particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

B. OVERVIEW OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES FORMULA PROGRAM

1. Purpose: The purpose of the SASP Formula Program is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments), support services, and related assistance to:

- a. Adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault;
- b. Family and household members of such victims; and
- c. Those who were collaterally affected by the victimization (e.g., friends, co-workers, classmates) except for the perpetrator of such victimization.

SASP Formula Program funds may be used to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and nongovernmental, Tribal and some governmental programs and projects. All must provide direct intervention and related assistance to those victimized by sexual assault without regard to the age of the individual (Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(1)).

Intervention and related assistance may include:

- a. 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral;
- b. Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings;
- c. Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, direct payments, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and non-offending family or household members;
- d. Information and referral to assist the sexual assault victim and non-offending family or household members;
- e. Community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities; and
- f. Development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described in the previous bullets.

Note: Direct payments to victims and their family or household members must be for costs related to the sexual assault.

2. Funding Priorities: The CVSSD SASP Subcommittee retained the following funding priorities for SASP.

- a. Enhance and strengthen meaningful access to population-specific and culturally proficient services to adult, youth and child victims of sexual assault, who are members of an underserved population, and services to family and household members of such victims and other non-offending individuals impacted by the victimization (refer to Appendix B for guidance on Approaches to Services excerpted from Building Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services Programs, Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative).
- b. Direct funding to address one or more of the following service provision gaps: Advocacy Services, Counseling and Support Group Services, Emergency Financial Support Services, Medical and Legal Accompaniment, System Collaboration, and other locally documented services gaps (refer to Appendix B for guidance on Core and Comprehensive Services excerpted from Building Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services Programs, Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative).

- Direct funding to organizations that can demonstrate a track record of providing population specific services.
- Enhance equitable distribution of grants and grant funds in frontier areas.
- Prioritize distribution of grants and grant funds to population and culturally specific organizations.
- Strengthen funding stability in organizations that have developed sexual assault programs using SASP funding.
- Meaningfully increase access to Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) programming for specific underserved populations (based on race, ethnicity, disability, age, etc.)

3. UNALLOWABLE and OUT-OF-SCOPE ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of activities that are unallowable and out of program scope and cannot be supported by SASP Formula Program funding (refer to Appendix A for additional unallowable costs):

- a. Research projects (This does not include program assessments conducted only for internal improvement purposes);
- b. * Promoting or facilitating the violation of federal immigration law; (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)
- c. * Inculcating or promoting gender ideology as defined in Executive Order 14168, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*; (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)
- d. * Promoting or facilitating discriminatory programs or ideology, including illegal DEI and “diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility” programs that do not advance the policy of equal dignity and respect, as described in Executive Order 14173, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*. This prohibition is not intended to interfere with any of OVW’s statutory obligations, such as funding for HBCUs, culturally specific services, and disability programs; (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)
- e. * Activities that frame domestic violence or sexual assault as systemic social justice issues rather than criminal offenses (e.g., prioritizing criminal justice reform or social justice theories over victim safety and offender accountability); (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)
- f. Generic community engagement or economic development without a clear link to violence prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability;
- g. * Programs that discourage collaboration with law enforcement or oppose or limit the role of police, prosecutors, or immigration enforcement in addressing violence against women; (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)
- h. * Awareness campaigns or media that do not lead to tangible improvements in prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability; (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)
- i. * Initiatives that prioritize illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and legal residents in receiving victim services and support; (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)

- j. Excessive funding for consulting fees, training, administrative costs, or other expenses not related to measurable violence prevention, victim support, and offender accountability;
- k. * Any activity or program that unlawfully violates an Executive Order; (stayed by Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.)
- l. Activities addressing human trafficking unrelated to sexual assault;
- m. Activities addressing Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) unrelated to sexual assault;
- n. Activities focused on prevention efforts and education (e.g., bystander intervention, social norms campaigns, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.);
- o. Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts and forensic interviews;
- p. Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examiner programs;
- q. Sexual Assault Response Team coordination (this does not pertain to a grant-funded advocate attending a SART or other sexual assault-related inter-agency response team meeting);
- r. Providing training to allied professionals and the community (e.g., law enforcement, child protection services, prosecution, other community-based organizations, etc.);
- s. Domestic violence services unrelated to sexual violence;
- t. Legal services;
- u. Lobbying or attempts to influence members of Congress, the Oregon Legislature, County Commissions, City Councils, or other legislative bodies;
- v. Fundraising campaigns, endowment drives, or solicitation of gifts and bequests;
- w. Purchase of real property and vehicles; and
- x. Construction and physical modification to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).

* A [Federal District Court order](#) has preliminarily stayed certain out of scope activities as indicated by an * in front of them. The stayed out-of-scope activities by order of the court in *Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.* are listed as #2-5, #7-9, and #11 on pages 5-6 of the court's opinion linked above. These out-of-scope activities are not enforceable until the preliminary stay is lifted. (These are items b, c, d, e, g, h, i, and k in the list above.)

See the SASP FAQ document, and CVSSD SASP Guidance on the [CVSSD SASP website](#) under Additional SASP Resources for more information on allowable/unallowable cost.

C. SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICANTS OF THE SASP RFA

1. Eligible applicants for this SASP RFA are any of the following entities that provide direct intervention and related assistance to adult, youth and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of such victims, and other non-offending individuals impacted by the victimization.
 - a. Nonprofit, nongovernmental organization.
 - b. Tribal organization.
 - c. Governmental entity, not part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency), that is able to offer a comparable level of confidentiality as a nonprofit entity that provides similar victims services. 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(25).

2. All applicants ***must*** provide services to individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault ***without regard to the age of the individual.***
3. All applicants must be able to demonstrate that they provide population-specific services to one or multiple underserved populations as defined in Section I.G.

Applicants must demonstrate that they provide population specific services to victims of sexual assault from at least one of the following underserved population specific communities: American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Latinx, Middle Eastern or North African, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Limited English Proficient, Developmentally Challenged, Physically Challenged, Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hearing Impaired, Elderly, and Children/Adolescents/Teens. Applicants may also choose to further focus services for victims of sexual assault from one or more underserved communities, including incarcerated survivors, individuals who work in the sex industry, residents of rural and frontier areas, and veterans.

4. All applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are, or are developing as, a population specific organization or program as defined in Section I.G.

D. SASP PROGRAM SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **Maintain Civil Rights Information.** Maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on survivors served by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability, and permit reasonable access to its books, documents, papers, and records to determine whether the sub-recipient is complying with applicable civil rights laws. This requirement is waived when providing a service, such as telephone crisis intervention, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the survivor.

Civil rights statistics must be kept on file along with other SASP grant documentation and must correspond with each grant period. The information will be reviewed during onsite visits or at the request of the Federal Administrator of SASP Funds of the Office on Violence Against Women.

2. **Comply with Non-Discrimination Provision.** Grantees must comply with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 prohibition from excluding, denying benefits to, or discriminating against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).
3. **Sex-Specific Programming.** Grantees may provide sex-segregated or sex-specific programming if doing so is necessary for the essential operation of a program (e.g., in the case of women's safety), so long as the recipient provides comparable services to those who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13)(B).
4. **Maintain the Confidentiality of Survivor Information.** Grantees must comply with the confidentiality and privacy requirements of the VAWA, as amended. The authorized

representative of the grantees will be required to sign the Acknowledgement of Notice of Statutory Requirement to Comply with the Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, as Amended which is available on the OVW website at [VAWA 2013 Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions \(justice.gov\)](https://www.justice.gov/ovw/vawa-2013-confidentiality-and-privacy-provisions).

5. **Promote Community Efforts to Aid Survivors of Sexual Assault.** Promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to survivors of sexual assault. Coordination may include, but is not limited to, serving on state, federal, local, or Tribal task forces, commissions, working groups, coalitions, and/or multi-disciplinary teams. Coordination efforts also include developing written agreements that contribute to better and more comprehensive services to survivors of sexual assault. Coordination efforts qualify an organization to receive SASP funds but are not activities that can be supported with SASP funds (although the time of a SASP-funded advocate to attend a SART or other sexual assault-related inter-agency response team meeting can be supported with SASP funds).
6. **Comply with DOJ Financial Requirements.** Grantees must agree to follow the financial and administrative requirements in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide available at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm>. This includes, but is not limited to, financial documentation for disbursements, daily time and attendance records specifying time devoted to allowable SASP services, job descriptions, contracts for services, and other records which facilitate an effective audit.
7. **Comply with State Criteria.** Grantees must abide by any additional eligibility or service criteria as established by CVSSD including submitting statistical and programmatic information on the use and impact of SASP-funded projects.
8. **Not Compromise Survivor Safety and Recovery.** Grantees must not compromise survivor safety and recovery through any of their activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their age, race, religion, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, relationship to the perpetrator, or the age and/or sex of their children;
 - b. Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of people receiving OVW-funded services;
 - c. Procedures or policies that require victims to take certain actions (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.) in order to receive services;
 - d. Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims;
 - e. Project design and budget that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and participants who have limited English proficiency or who are Deaf or hard of hearing;
 - f. Materials that are not tailored to the dynamics of sexual assault or to the culturally specific population to be served;

- g. Policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator;
- h. Hiring of or allowing volunteering of individuals who are not suitable to interact with minors; or
- i. Any activities that may compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability will not be allowed.

E. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006.

As of January 1, 2009, all recipients of Federal VAWA and SASP funds, and their subcontractors, must comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. The Transparency Act requires the federal government to have a single, searchable website. This website must be accessible by the public without cost, for each federal award of \$30,000 or more over the life of any sub-award (i.e., SASP grant award period). In order to satisfy this requirement, fund grantees are required to have a “Unique Entity ID” (UEI) and to maintain a current registration with the System for Award Management (SAM). Prior to a grant agreement being issued for this application, all programs must be registered and current with the SAM. See the current version of the [SASP Guidance](#) for details regarding UEI and SAM registration (Award Conditions, Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006). For additional information, the SAM User Guide, Quick Start Guides, Helpful Hints and Webinars are available at under the HELP tab on www.sam.gov.

2. Assurances and Certifications. Grantees must meet the terms of the Standard Assurances, Certifications, and other federal rules regulating grants, incorporated in the SASP Grant Agreement.

3. Accommodation and Language Access. Applicants are required to support activities that ensure individuals with disabilities and Deaf or Hard of Hearing and persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services, language interpretations and translation services, or the purchase of adaptive equipment. Applicants proposing to use grant funds to create websites, videos, and other materials must ensure that they are accessible to people with disabilities.

4. Nonprofit Organization Requirement. Applicants that are eligible for a SASP grant based on their status as a nonprofit organization must be an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code. This does not apply to applicants that are Tribal governmental organizations or governmental entities in a state that provide intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault without regard to their age.

F. ADDITIONAL CVSSD REQUIREMENTS

1. **Grant Guidance.** Comply with SASP program guidelines as written in the most recent version of the [SASP Guidance](#), including any additional eligibility or service criteria as established by CVSSD.
2. **Financial, Data and Outcome Reporting.** Grantees will submit quarterly financial and outcome measures reports, semi-annual progress reports on services provided, and annual statistical reports. More detailed information can be found in Section VIII (C) of this RFA.
3. **Training Requirements.** The applicant must demonstrate that any staff person approached by a sexual assault survivor should be able to respond appropriately to assess need, provide crisis intervention and information and referral; as appropriate, staff may pass longer-term needs and services to the SASP-funded staff.

CVSSD requires of a minimum of 40 hours of content-specific training for all grant-funded staff and volunteers serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Refer to [Grant Guidance Documents](#) on the CVSSD website and scroll down to the Training Requirements for more information.

In addition, to qualify for SASP funding, each staff person wholly or partially funded by this grant **must have attended at least 24 hours of advanced sexual assault training within the last 24 months.** All SASP-funded staff who do not meet the full 24-hour training requirement are required to complete the remaining training hours within the first 6 months of the grant period or, if newly hired, within 6 months of the hire date. Training on population and culturally specific services and practices may substitute for a portion of the required training hours.

If the applicant organization or program does not meet the criteria of population specific program or a population specific program within a larger organization, the Population Specific Core Team/Population Specific Lead **must have attended at least 24 hours of training on population and culturally specific services and practices within the last 24 months.** If the Population Specific Core Team/Population Specific Lead does not meet the full 24-hour training requirement, they are required to complete the remaining training hours within the first 6 months of the grant period or, if newly hired, within 6 months of the hire date.

See [CVSSD SASP page](#) and scroll down to Additional SASP Resources to find the *SASP Training Requirement and Resources* document for the advanced sexual assault specific training, and population and culturally specific services and practice information and training resources.

SECTION IV: APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The following instructions are intended to guide the applicant in completing the *2027-2028 SASP Competitive Grant Application*.

A. GENERAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications will be completed and submitted entirely through the CVSSD E-Grants system. The forms section is where the vast majority of the work for an application is completed, along with uploading specifically requested documents. All forms must be complete with no error messages prior to the application being submitted. Having individual forms completed is not the same as “submitting” the application. **Applicants must be sure to change the status of their application to “Application Submitted” when all forms have been completed and all errors are corrected.**
2. All applicants must register in the CVSSD E-Grants system or update the Organization and Member Information in the CVSSD E-Grants system. Eligible applicants are only required to register one time in CVSSD E-Grants. There is no need for multiple accounts within the CVSSD E-Grants system. **However, organizations registered in CVSSD E-Grants must review and update the organization’s contact and member profile information including deactivating staff no longer associated with the organization. This process should be completed prior to initiating the application.** Please see [CVSSD E-Grant Applicant User Guide, Chapter 5: Keeping Contact Information Current](#).
3. If you are a **current** CVSSD grant recipient you must be in compliance with all grant requirements, including all reporting requirements, to be considered for this funding.

If you are a **new** applicant or do not currently receive CVSSD grant funds you must register in the CVSSD E-Grant system at www.CVSSDEgrants.com. Please see the *CVSSD E-Grant Applicant User Guide* on Gaining Access to Oregon CVSSD E-Grants to walk through the process. The User Guide can be found at <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/for-grantees/cvssd-e-grants-information/>. Please allow 24 hours to process your registration. **The E-Grants registration deadline is September 14, 2026.**

4. **All applicants (current and new) need to initiate their application in CVSSD E-Grants by September 28, 2026, in order to be considered for funding.** CVSSD E-Grants will not allow applicants to initiate their SASP application after this date.
5. Applications must be submitted electronically through the CVSSD E-Grants system. **The application is due on October 12, 2026, at 4:59pm, Pacific Time.** The application will not be accessible after the above-mentioned time. **It is important to note that once an application is submitted it will enter a “read-only” status and cannot be changed.**

Late applications will not be accepted. Failure to begin the registration or application process in sufficient time is not an acceptable reason for a late application submission. The applicant should begin the application submission process 48 business hours, but not later than 24 business hours, prior

to the application deadline. This will allow for sufficient time for the applicant to contact the appropriate individuals and take corrective action should unforeseen technical issues arise. For information on *Submitting your Application* see the [CVSSD E-Grants Applicant User Guide](#).

6. All required documents for this application can be found in CVSSD E-Grants. Additional documents will need to be uploaded within the following forms in CVSSD E-Grants:
 - a. Form B: Organization Chart
 - b. Form J: Memorandum of Understanding (as appropriate)
 - c. Form M: Letter of Authorization (as appropriate)
 - d. Form M: Statement of Compliance
 - e. Form M: Certification of Non-Supplanting (as appropriate)
 - f. Form M: Legal Documents for Nonprofit Organizations (Statement of Financial Condition, most recent submission of Form 990, IRS 501(c)3 Determination Letter, Bylaws for Board of Directors)

Please DO NOT attach any documents that have not been requested unless directed by CVSSD.

7. A “Fiscal Officer” is the person in the organization who is legally responsible for reporting on the financial activities of the organization. This person also makes sure that the fiscal records comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Uniform Guidance, DOJ guidelines and all other requirements as stated by CVSSD.
8. CVSSD has the right to make or deny an award without prior communication with the applicant.
9. By submitting an application, an agency agrees to comply with all CVSSD Grant Agreement requirements. A sample SASP Grant Agreement is available on the CVSSD website on the [SASP Webpage](#).

B. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. Technical assistance regarding [CVSSD E-Grants](#) can be obtained by:
 - a. Watching the E-Grants 101 training available on CVSSD website listed under E-Grants Training.
 - b. Using the [CVSSD E-Grant Applicant User Guide](#).
 - c. Reviewing the [CVSSD E-Grants FAQ's](#) on the CVSSD Website to see if it answers the question.
 - d. Contacting the CVSSD Fund Coordinators as listed in Section IB of the RFA for assistance with the application contents.
 - e. Contacting the system Help Desk for system technical assistance which is available: Monday – Friday 8am to 8pm, Eastern Standard Time, at 1-866-449-1425 or email azhelpdesk@agatesoftware.com.
2. CVSSD staff will respond to questions with respect to RFA clarifications and the SASP Competitive grant process. However, CVSSD staff cannot provide any grant-specific guidance or review and edit a grant application before submission.

SECTION V: APPLICATION CONTENTS

A. KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

1. After saving a form, if there are errors, CVSSD E-Grants will provide error messages at the top of a page directing the applicant to errors on a form.
2. The CVSSD E-Grants system will not allow an application to be submitted with error messages on any form within the application.
3. Required fields have an asterisk (*), however, other fields may need to be completed as well.
4. For radial button selections, click once to mark or change your selection, double-click to remove the selection completely.
5. Remember to click “**Save**” frequently to save the information you have written. The system will not save information if you go to the next page without saving. **Click on “Save” every time you think of it.** If the required content is not yet completed when you save, you will receive error messages. This is ok. Those messages will be resolved as you complete the required content.
6. If the system is left idle it will time out in one hour. One keystroke will re-start the one hour “idle” time clock. Should the system time out, any unsaved information will be lost.
7. An applicant may want to **consider completing narrative sections in a word processing program and pasting it into the appropriate section.** Since the text boxes have limited character counts, using the character counting tool in a word processing program when creating your response may be helpful. Please see the CVSSD E-Grants [*Applicant User Guide: Application form completion: Copy and Paste*](#) for additional information on this topic.
8. Consider having someone other than the writer of the grant, review the application.
9. **CVSSD recommends submitting the application at least one business day prior to the closing date to avoid any unanticipated technical problems.**

Instructions for completing all FORMS in this application can be found by reviewing *Application Instructions* found in the left-hand navigation bar in the application in E-Grants.

B. PROGRAM & PROJECT FORMS A – M

The CVSSD E-Grants system allows the applicant to check the status of each form and see when the particular form was first created and last modified. When a form is complete, click on the button “mark as complete” and the icon next to the form name will show a check mark. This is an internal process and helps the applicant know when a form is complete. As each form is saved, the system will inform the applicant if there are errors. An applicant will be unable to submit the application until the errors are corrected in the application.

General Application Contents. Each applicant is required to complete the Application Contents Forms A – M. Form M (Attachments to Upload) is for use in attaching and uploading required documents.

C. PROJECT BUDGET: FORMS N-Q

Each applicant is required to submit a 2-year budget. When determining the amount of funding to request, applicants should carefully consider the estimated total program funding available, the number of grants CVSSD expects to award, and the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project. Applicants are encouraged to present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs.

CVSSD has the discretion to award grants for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the project specific goals, objectives, activities, performance measures, and budget with applicants prior to awarding a grant.

A list of unallowable and out-of-scope activities can be found in Section III.B.3 of this RFA. Additional unallowable costs are included in Appendix A. Please review both sections carefully before completing the project budget.

Applicants should consider personnel salary and benefit increases when preparing project budget requests for the project award period January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028.

Form Q is the Budget Summary, and all budget amounts will be auto filled from forms N-P.

D. ATTACHMENTS

An additional “Attachments” form is shown at the end of the Forms Menu. This page is to be used only if there are insufficient upload spaces in prior sections or with special permission from CVSSD to upload additional documents. This is a “multiple page” form, so multiple copies of this form can be completed. Once the first attachment is uploaded and the page has been saved, click on the “Add” button at the top of the form to complete an additional copy of the attachments page.

Do not attach any Subawards or Contracts to the Attachments. These will be submitted through an Amendment process after the 2027-2028 SASP Competitive Grant is awarded.

SECTION VI: SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SASP Competitive grant applications must be submitted electronically through the CVSSD E-Grants system. Applications will only be accepted through the CVSSD E-Grants system. For instructions on how to submit your application, please review the “Submitting your Application” section of the CVSSD [*E-Grants Applicant User Guide*](#).

**THE APPLICATION IS DUE ON: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026,
BY 4:59 P.M., PACIFIC STANDARD TIME**

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ONCE AN APPLICATION IS
SUBMITTED IT WILL
ENTER INTO A “READ-ONLY” STATUS AND CANNOT BE CHANGED.**

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.

Failure to begin the registration or application process in sufficient time is not an acceptable reason for a late application submission. The applicant should begin the application submission process 48 business hours, but not later than 24 business hours, prior to the application deadline. This will allow for sufficient time for the applicant to contact the appropriate individuals and take corrective action should unforeseen technical issues arise.

SECTION VII: APPLICATION REVIEW AND AWARD DECISIONS

A. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

This is a competitive application process. CVSSD will conduct an impartial review of the applications received in response to this RFA. The Review Team consists of SASP Subcommittee members, CVSSD Advisory Board members, government and community partners and subject-matter experts that will review, evaluate, score and rank each application. The final Review Team ranking is presented to the CVSSD Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee makes final recommendations to ODOJ CVSSD for funding. CVSSD presents the Advisory Committee's final recommendations to the Oregon Attorney General for final approval.

Applications will be evaluated and scored on the completeness, quality, and applicability of their content in the following steps:

- Step 1: Evaluation of Minimum Qualifications (Pass/Fail)
- Step 2: Evaluation of Application by Review Team (scored)
- Step 3: Ranking of Applications
- Step 4: Funding Recommendations made to Advisory Committee and Oregon Attorney General
- Step 5: Selection and Notification

Step 1. Evaluation of Minimum Qualifications.

CVSSD Fund Coordinators will review all applications for Minimum Qualifications (MQ) on a pass/fail basis, to determine if each Application meets the Minimum Application Qualifications. All forms (Forms A – Q) and attachments are required to be completed in full. A minimum qualification review includes completion of an [Internal Risk Assessment](#) by CVSSD. If an applicant is determined to be high risk, their application will not move forward for review.

Applicant's failure to comply with the instructions or to submit a complete application may result in the application being deemed non-responsive. Only those applications determined to be responsive to the Minimum Qualifications shall be considered for further review and scored by the Review Teams as detailed in Step 2.

Step 2: Evaluation of Application by Review Team

- a. *Standard Points.* Up to one hundred standard (100) points will be awarded to each application based on the Scoring Table provided in Section VII B.

The Review Team members will first assign standard points. Standard points assigned by each Review Team member shall be added together and divided by the total number of Review Team members to compute an average score for the application. ***The application must receive a minimum average score of 75 to be considered for funding.***

- b. *Frontier Service Area Bonus Points:* Five (5) bonus points may be awarded to applications submitted by applicants' meeting the frontier definition and bonus point criteria described below.

Oregon is a state of great economic and geographic diversity. While that diversity brings us strength, it also challenges us to meet the needs of all communities, both urban and rural. As stated in Executive Order No. 07-02, “Rural Oregon communities are in need: unemployment in those communities is often many percentage points higher than the state average. Rural Oregon communities have significant threshold issues to overcome to compete with urban communities for economic and community development resources. the lack of an industrial base in most rural communities makes funding for education, health care, economic development and other social services more difficult to attain. and finally, Rural Oregon communities often lack administrative mechanisms and infrastructure to share information and to collectively construct solutions to its problems.” Executive Order No. 07-02 defines four rural geographic distinctions: frontier rural, isolated rural, rural, and urban rural.

The [National Center for Frontier Communities](#), the only national organization dedicated to the smallest and most geographically isolated communities in the United States, espouses that “the unique characteristics of frontier communities require special consideration in both policy and market-driven investments to guarantee access to key services and a healthy future for the frontier.”

There is no single, universally preferred definition of rural, nor is there a single rural definition that can serve all purposes. Many definitions have been developed by different agencies, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, to name a few. All have strong and weak points, and all are used interchangeably for various purposes by government agencies depending on which one best fits their programmatic goals.

CVSSD recognizes that the majority of counties in Oregon include rural areas, however, for the purpose of awarding SASP funds, CVSSD, in consultation with other stake holders, has selected to use a narrow frontier county-based definition promulgated by the National Center for Frontier Communities. Counties are designated as frontier based on total population, total land and water area, and population density. In Oregon, there are ten (10) counties that meet this narrow definition:

- ♣ Baker
- ♣ Gilliam
- ♣ Grant
- ♣ Harney
- ♣ Lake
- ♣ Malheur
- ♣ Morrow
- ♣ Sherman
- ♣ Wallowa
- ♣ Wheeler

CVSSD believes that awarding bonus points to frontier counties is an effective method for addressing the threshold and funding issues cited in Executive Order No. 07-02, the special considerations espoused by the National Center for Frontier Communities, as well as the OVW requirement to equitably distribute grants and grant funds within the state and between urban and rural area.

Applicants qualifying for bonus points have to pass the Minimum Qualifications as described in Section VII A, Step 1 and receive a minimum of seventy (75) standard points as described in Section VII A, Step 2 in order to qualify for bonus points.

Applicants proposing to deliver services in only one or more of the ten (10) counties meeting the frontier definition described above may be eligible for five (5) bonus points.

Applicants proposing to deliver services in one or more of the ten (10) counties meeting the frontier definition described above and in a geographical area outside of the defined frontier counties may be eligible for five (5) bonus points.

- c. *Continuation Grantee Bonus Points:* Five (5) bonus points may be awarded to applications submitted by applicant's meeting the continuation grantee definition and bonus point criteria described below.

Continuation grantees may receive priority points, acknowledging that continuity and stability of services for sexual assault survivors is a priority.

Five (5) points may be awarded to applications submitted by applicants meeting the criteria as a continuation grantee. To the satisfaction of the Review Team, the following criteria have been met based on the applicant's response to Project Description question 1. The applicant selected either Continuation or Enhancement project currently supported with SASP funds, and provided a detailed description of the project's accomplishments and how the underserved community benefited from the project. On Form E for Population Specific Project Information, the applicant provided comprehensive answers to questions A1a and B1a detailing how they either met the criteria or are working towards meeting the criteria in each question.

Applicants qualifying for bonus points have to pass the Minimum Qualifications as described in Section VII A. Step 1 and receive a minimum of seventy-five (75) standard points as described in Section VII A. Step 2 in order to qualify for bonus points.

*Addressing either one of the bonus points mentioned above is one of many factors that CVSSD considers in making funding decisions. **Receiving bonus points does not guarantee funding.***

Step 3. Ranking of Applications. The Review Team will use the standard points awarded to each application to rank each application. After ranking applications based on standard points, bonus points will be awarded, as described in Section VII A Step 2b and/or 2c, resulting in the final ranking of the applications.

CVSSD reserves the right to consider applicant performance and compliance on prior or current CVSSD grants in making final award decisions.

Step 4. Funding Recommendations made to Advisory Committee and Oregon Attorney General. ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinators will present the Review Team's recommendations for funding to the CVSSD Advisory Committee. The CVSSD Advisory Committee will make funding recommendations

to CVSSD. CVSSD staff will forward award recommendations to the Oregon Attorney General, for final award decisions. The Oregon Attorney General is not obligated to make any grant award as a result of this RFA.

Step 5. Selection and Notification.

CVSSD will notify each applicant of its selection status by electronic mail by the estimated award notification date of November 17, 2026. Approved applicants will begin work with an ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinator to complete any required modifications.

B. APPLICATION SCORING

The application must receive a minimum average score of seventy-five (75) of the possible one hundred (100) Standard Points to be considered for funding. Applicants who qualify for bonus points must receive a score of seventy-five (75) of the possible one hundred (100) Standard Points to be eligible to receive bonus points. The Review Team will assign points to its evaluation of each application as follows:

Standard Points	Point Basis
General	<i>General Considerations:</i> • Is easy to read and understand. • Gives a clear picture of the overall project. • Sufficient details of proposed project activities. • Completes each section of the application including unscored pages: Cover Page, Meaningful Access to Effective Services, Administrative Self-Assessment, Financial Self-Assessment, and Attachments to Upload. • Proposes a cohesive project.
5	<i>Overview of the Organization:</i> • Organization mission, purpose & philosophy are compatible with RFA. • Demonstrates effective overall management systems. • Overview of the geographical service area is sufficient. • Program demonstrates an effective service response to rural survivors.
5	<i>Governing Body Roster & Information:</i> • Governing body utilizes written documents for governance. • Demonstrates governing body commitment to serving sexual assault survivors. • Oversight body receives sexual assault-specific training.

5	<i>Organization Capability and Capacity to Deliver Sexual Assault Services:</i> • Provides examples of community leadership and accomplishments on sexual violence issues. • Response demonstrates experience and expertise of direct service staff providing services to sexual assault survivors. • Demonstrates the organization and staff's ability to implement the SASP project. • Funds are budgeted for sexual assault-specific staffing and services. • Provides comprehensive description of Fully and/or Partially Integrated "ten components" in current and future efforts.
15	<i>Population Specific Project Information:</i> • Demonstrates experience and expertise providing population specific services by fully or substantially meeting the Criteria for Population Specific Services. • Demonstrates meeting the Criteria for a Population Specific Organization or Program within a Larger Organization, or as a developing Population Specific Organization or Program within a Larger Organization. • If a developing Population Specific Organization or Program, has a Population Specific Core Team with experience providing services and 24 hours of training per person within last 2 years either completed or will be completed in first 6 months of the grant. • If a developing Population Specific Organization or Program, demonstrates making the Population Specific Project Core Team a priority by providing a variety of population specific efforts. • If a developing Population Specific Organization or Program, comprehensively describes plans to increase expertise in the organization or program on the experiences and needs of the identified underserved communities. (<i>Underserved communities and populations should match those selected on the Cover Page.</i>) • If a developing Population Specific Organization or Program, demonstrates partnerships with organizations serving identified underserved population. (<i>Underserved communities and populations should match those selected on the Cover Page.</i>)
10	<i>Advanced Sexual Assault Training:</i> • Job descriptions (uploaded on Organization Staff Roster in Cover Page) clearly outline sexual assault work described in grant project. • Each SASP funded staff member meets 24-hour advanced sexual assault training requirement within last 2 years or will complete training in first 6 months of the grant. Sexual Assault Lead is identified. • Demonstrates community involvement through membership and recent attendance at inter-agency collaborations.

25	<i>Project Description:</i> • As appropriate, demonstrates that currently funded project has met accomplishments and benefited identified underserved community. • Comprehensive description including geographic location, demographic information, and other characteristics of underserved population specific community to be served. • Expansively describes the challenges and obstacles the underserved population experiences in attempting to access services. Explains why this project is needed. • Describes the services offered to clients in detail. • Comprehensively describes how applicant will provide the services. • Have services planned that will directly address the challenges and obstacles the underserved population faces when seeking services. • Clearly demonstrates that service delivery is planned with the underserved community's culture and needs in mind. • Start-up and on-going activities and services for grant implementation are identified and described. • Benefit to identified underserved population is convincing. • Gives objective, factual information. Avoids giving subjective information and generalizations. • Project Description matches the Goals and Objectives, and the project Budget to provide a cohesive project.
15	<i>Project Specific Goals, Objectives, Activities and Performance Measures:</i> • Provides goal(s) and objectives consistent with the identified gaps/services selected on the Cover Page and described in the Project Description. • The goals, objectives and activities are directly linked to the selected underserved populations and communities marked on the Cover Page and described in the Project Description. • The proposed activities address the problems or challenges and are linked to the objectives. All activities are SASP allowable. • Outputs and outcomes measure the proposed project activities. All output numbers and outcome percentages are measurable and realistic for two years. • Directly connects the outcomes to the objectives.
5	<i>Community Collaboration & Memorandum of Understanding:</i> • Demonstrates collaboration with the law enforcement, prosecution, courts, medical professionals, sexual violence response teams, community and government-based programs.

15	<i>Project Budget and Budget Summary:</i> • Provides a budget that is directly related to the proposed Project Description, and Goals and Objectives. • Shows how the budget supports the proposed project activities and services. • FTE of the staff position(s) to be funded matches the Project Description and staff mentioned in the Advanced Sexual Assault Training section. • Any training mentioned in Population Specific Project Information under question B4c or in Advanced Sexual Assault Training under question 5, should be included in Budget, if SASP funds will be used. • Presents a reasonable and accurate budget that reflects the resources needed to implement the proposed project. • Includes budget items that are allowable according to SASP guidelines. • Clearly explains the proposed budget expenditures.
5 bonus points	<i>Delivering services in one or more Frontier Counties:</i> Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa, and Wheeler.
5 bonus points	<i>Continuation Grantees:</i> • Project Description question 1: The applicant selected either Continuation or Enhancement project currently supported with SASP funds & provided a detailed description of the project's accomplishments and how the underserved community benefited from the project. • On Form E for Population Specific Project Information: The applicant provided comprehensive answers to questions A1a and B1a detailing how they either met the criteria or are working towards meeting the criteria in each question.

C. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

ODOJ CVSSD reserves the right to:

1. Seek clarifications of each application and award a grant agreement without further discussion of the applications submitted;
2. Reject any and all applications received by reason of this request, or to negotiate separately in any manner necessary to serve the best interest of the public;
3. Determine, with sole discretion, whether an application does, or does not, substantially comply with the requirements of this SASP RFA; and
4. To waive any minor irregularity, informality, or non-conformance with the provisions or procedures of this SASP RFA.

D. REVIEW OF AWARD DECISIONS

1. Informal Review

Applicants may request informal feedback and technical assistance regarding their grant application within 90 days of receiving notification of the award decision. Contact the ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinator assigned to the application for additional information regarding this process.

2. Formal Review

An applicant has a right to review the award decision regarding its application. Each applicant is informed of the review procedure if a no-fund or partial-fund decision is made regarding its application. No applicant will be subject to reprisal for seeking a review of an award decision. The following steps are recommended:

- a. An applicant may make a written request to the ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinator for a review within 7 calendar days after receiving notification of the award decision.
- b. When ODOJ CVSSD is notified that an applicant has requested an award decision review, a meeting will be scheduled within 14 calendar days for the applicant to meet with the ODOJ CVSSD Grant Fund Coordinator and with up to three (3) members of the ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee and/or SASP Subcommittee.
- c. ODOJ CVSSD Grant Fund Coordinator will notify the applicant of the result of the meeting within 5 calendar days after the meeting is held.
- d. If the matter is not resolved through this process, the applicant may request a review of the issue by the Attorney General or their designee. The applicant shall make a written request for such a review to the Director of ODOJ CVSSD within seven (7) calendar days following notification of the results of the meeting described in the preceding paragraph.
- e. Every effort will be made to have a final decision to the applicant within 14 days of receipt of the final written request.

SECTION VIII: MONITORING, REPORTING AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

A. GRANT MONITORING

CVSSD will monitor each program receiving CVSSD awards. CVSSD monitors awards for compliance with applicable federal and state guidelines, the [ODOJ CVSSD Grant Monitoring Policy](#) under Monitoring, the [SASP Guidance Handbook](#) under Additional SASP Resources, and the ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreement. The objective of monitoring is to support program development, provide technical assistance, and assure that the subrecipient is: a) providing services as described in this RFA, grant applications, and grant agreements; b) spending grant funds as agreed; c) working towards funding objectives; d) following appropriate fiscal procedures; and e) following their own established program policies and procedures. ODOJ CVSSD accomplishes monitoring objectives through a variety of techniques including:

- Application reviews and modifications
- Supplemental conditions of the ODOJ CVSSD grant agreement
- Financial and administrative risk assessments
- Financial and progress reports
- Financial report verifications
- Reviews of policies and procedures governing organizations' financial and administrative management
- Conducting virtual interviews with and in-person visits to subrecipient organizations and programs to evaluate program effectiveness

Monitoring may also include technical assistance and support for organizations seeking to improve services and to develop fiscal, operational, and programmatic capacity. The process flow chart is available [here](#).

B. AWARDS CONDITIONS

1. Conditional Awards

- a. **Timely Completion of Grant Award Documents:** All grant awards are made conditional upon the timely completion of grant award documents. Funds are not considered obligated and will not be transferred until all required grant award documents have been signed by an applicant and by the Department designee. If grant award documents are not completed by an applicant within three months of the notice to the applicant of the intended award, CVSSD may withdraw the award and has the authority to reallocate the funds that were conditionally awarded to the applicant.
- b. **Other Conditions:** All Grant Agreements issued by CVSSD include conditions that must be satisfied by both parties to the Agreement. In addition, CVSSD may include additional conditions when circumstances exist that require a further showing of applicant's ability to successfully manage an award. For example, an award may be made conditionally if the grantee does not have a history of timely reporting for any previous grant award; has fewer

than two full years of operational history in providing services to victims; has not fully demonstrated the ability to successfully manage any previous CVSSD awards; or has not demonstrated stability as required by this RFA. Examples of such additional conditions may include but are not limited to a requirement of more frequent reporting to ensure timeliness and accuracy or additional reports to document that grantee is successfully addressing an area of concern.

If one or more of these conditions exist, the applicant will be notified that a conditional award has been approved and shall specify the conditions to be satisfied by the applicant and the date by which the conditions must be satisfied. When additional conditions are included in a Grant Agreement, Grantee's failure to satisfy those conditions shall be governed by the default and termination provisions included in the Grant Agreement.

C. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the conditions specified in the preceding section ("Conditional Awards") and as a condition of receiving a SASP grant, recipients must adhere to the financial guidelines set forth in the fund specific CVSSD Grant Agreement. An example of the SASP Grant Agreement can be found on the CVSSD website on the [SASP Webpage](#). All CVSSD Grant Agreements provide that grantees who fail to meet any of the reporting requirements included in this section (financial, narrative and statistical) are in default under the Agreement. In such a case, CVSSD has the right to end the grant. CVSSD may also reduce the award proportionately to the period for which reports were not submitted in a timely manner. Please see the "Termination and Default" section of the CVSSD Grant Agreement for additional information.

Reporting for this application will be done completely through the CVSSD E-Grants system. See the reporting schedule at the end of this section. Details and training on reporting within the CVSSD E-Grants system will be provided by CVSSD staff.

1. Financial Reporting

Each grantee must submit a Quarterly Financial Report (FR) form as described in the sample CVSSD Grant Agreement for SASP. All required quarterly progress reports must be submitted and accompany the financial report before the financial report will be approved and processed for payment. In addition to any specified conditions, subrecipients must adhere to the financial guidelines set forth in the fund specific CVSSD Grant Agreement.

2. Progress Reporting

Each grantee will submit progress reports every quarter through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system. Progress reports will include one or more of the following depending on the quarter schedule:

- Quarterly CVSSD Common Outcome Measures (if reported on a different CVSSD grant, grantee must still initiate and indicate on which award it was submitted.)
- Semi-annual Narrative Reports on grant funded project activities
- Annual Statistical Reporting Requirements

a. Reporting on CVSSD Common Outcome Measures (for Direct Service Projects Only)

All SASP grant recipients are required to collect feedback on services provided using prescribed common outcome measures listed below. The client's feedback will not be tied to the specific, SASP-funded project, but rather to all victim services provided by the program. Programs are asked to collect client feedback from all appropriate clients with the goal of a 10% response rate and 90% positive responses. Grantees are only obligated to survey appropriate clients and should specify which clients will be surveyed via an internal agency policy. For example, clients in crisis may not be appropriate, whereas clients receiving follow-up services may be more appropriate. Programs may use Client Feedback Forms already in use in their agency. However, all programs are required to include the outcome measures described below.

Grantees are required to report client responses collected by one of three types of services provided: (1) clients receiving shelter services. (2) clients receiving support group services. and (3) clients receiving non-shelter-based advocacy and other services. **Agencies do not have to collect evaluations from all three groups.**

The three common outcome measures are:

- *“The program provided me with services that helped me make informed choices about my situation.”* (This CVSSD Common Outcome Measure is applicable to all program types and must be stated exactly as shown).
- *“After working with this agency, I have some new ideas about how to stay safe.”*
- *“After working with this agency, I know more about resources that may be available, including how to access them.”*

b. Narrative Reporting Requirements

Each grantee must submit a semi-annual narrative report on grant-funded activities. This includes narrative responses to questions and reporting on the progress of the SASP award on goals and objectives. Semi-annual narrative reports are not a substitute for other specifically required report information (i.e., reporting staff turnover, approval of specific expenditures, requests to amend budgets, seeking CVSSD approval for out-of-state training, etc.).

c. Statistical Reporting Requirements

CVSSD requires that SASP grantees report statistical data on an annual basis. Information on statistics collected for the SASP Annual Performance Report by OVW can be found at [SASP Subgrantee Progress Reporting Form \(vawamei.org\)](https://www.vawamei.org). The annual reporting form will be provided through a unique URL link to a federal SASP Dashboard that is provided by the SASP Fund Coordinator or SASP Grant Specialist prior to the due date.

All statistical data must be as accurate as possible, and grantees must be able to distinguish between new and ongoing clients. It is essential that the proper data be collected and reported, as the data will be used to comply with both state and federal reporting requirements.

Grantees must carefully consider who their SASP grant clients or activities are in order to

accurately collect and report relevant data. In general, clients are “identifiable individuals who receive direct services by the staff resources reflected in the SASP grant budget.” The following should be taken into account when determining how to collect SASP statistics:

- Contacting the public individually, in groups, in person or otherwise, with information about the availability of services may be an important outreach activity, but does not constitute the actual provision of direct services; people so contacted are not clients unless they actually receive the direct services offered through the SASP grant; and
- Clients must be individually identifiable in order to ensure that data is unduplicated and to collect the necessary civil rights compliance information. The only exception is “Number of Phone Contacts.”

See the most recent version of the *SASP Guidance* for additional information on statistics and narrative reporting.

3. Reporting Schedule

Reporting Period	Quarterly Common Outcome Measures Due	Semi Annual Narrative Due	Annual Statistics Progress Report Due
January 1 – March 31	April 30		
April 1 – June 30	July 20	July 20	
July 1 – September 30	October 31		
October 1 – December 31	January 31	January 31	January 31

D. PAYMENT OF AWARDS

SASP grant award payments are made on a reimbursement basis, meaning that grant funds are paid to grantee organizations after expenditures have been incurred. Payments to grantees are made when CVSSD receives a quarterly Financial Report form and all required accompanying reports. Sample language as to the payment of SASP awards and the conditions precedent to payment are included in the sample CVSSD SASP Grant Agreement which can be viewed on the CVSSD website on the [SASP Webpage](#).

As stated in the sample Grant Agreement, all payments are contingent upon funds being appropriated and available for distribution.

Grant awards for the period January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028, will not be extended beyond the two (2) year award period. Any unspent funds will be de-obligated.

E. DEFAULT

All ODOJ CVSSD grant agreements provide that grantees who fail to meet any of the financial or progress reporting requirements included in this section (financial, narrative, and/or statistical) shall be considered in default under the agreement. In such case, ODOJ CVSSD has the right to pursue remedies outlined in Section II.C., the ODOJ CVSSD Grant Monitoring Policy, and in the ODOJ CVSSD grant agreement.

APPENDIX A: UNALLOWABLE COSTS

Funds may not be budgeted or used for the following items:

1. Tips, bar charges or related items while on travel status. Meals not associated with overnight travel. An exception is made for breakfast and dinner as long as the employee is on travel status for a minimum of two hours before the beginning of their regularly scheduled work shift or after the end of their regularly scheduled work shift.
2. Per Diem reimbursement for meals provided at conferences or training seminars.
3. Food related items such as napkins, plates, forks, spoons, and knives, beverages, snacks, candy or food items not provided in conjunction with a working lunch or dinner at a conference or training event.
4. Entertainment, honoraria, gifts, gift certificates, cards, movies, recreation, sporting events, holiday and birthday supplies, or expenses related to these items.
5. Personal items such as makeovers, non-professional membership dues, flowers, cards, social events or promotion of church attendance.
6. Grant writing.
7. Compensation to federal employees.
8. Activities that compromise victim safety: pre-trial diversion programs not approved by OVW or the placement of offenders in such programs, mediation, joint victim-offender counseling, mandatory counseling for victims, penalizing victims who refuse to testify, promoting procedures that require victims to seek legal sanctions against the offender, anger management programs for offenders, etc.
9. Corporate formation.
10. Interest on non-bearing items or the cost of money.
11. Laundry charges.
12. Expenses related to the maintenance or sale of forfeited or seized property.
13. Mass transit tax.
14. Late fees or finance charges.
15. Audit costs for audits not required in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, subpart F are unallowable
16. Furniture or moving household goods to a new location.
17. Voucher programs.
18. Stipends or incentives.
19. Legal or defense services for perpetrators.

CVSSD reserves the right to modify the list of unallowable costs as necessary.

Also see Section III.B.3 for further information on unallowable costs.

APPENDIX B: APPROACHES TO SERVICES AND CORE & COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

(Building Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services Programs, Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative)

Approaches to Services

Sexual assault service programs should provide services in a manner that demonstrates integrity, ethics, respect for diversity, and survivor autonomy and empowerment. These approaches to service provision incorporate the following characteristics.

Rooted in Empowerment-Based Framework

- Programs are mindful of the intersections of all forms of subjugation and how this affects survivors' experiences.
- Programs are responsive to the multidimensional needs of survivors.
- Programs support and empower survivors employed at their own agencies.

Services Made Available Across the Lifespan

- Services are available to survivors across the lifespan (infants, children, adolescents, young adults, adults, and later in life adults).
- Programs are responsive to all stages of the healing journey, regardless of when the assault and disclosure take place.

Accessible Accommodations

- Services are available to survivors of all levels of ability.
- Accommodations are made for survivors according to each person's self-identified needs.
- Services are available free of cost.
- Services and materials are available in the preferred language of the survivor.
- Materials are written at a sixth grade reading level or below.

Culturally Specific Response

Services are:

- Representative of the community's identified needs.
- Available and relevant to everyone.
- Linguistically specific.
- Aware of the complicating impact of historical and intergenerational trauma.
- Made available in locations that are relevant to the community.

Present in a Wide-Range of Settings

1. Services are made available in community settings, and to survivors that reside both in-shelter and outside of shelter.
2. Programs provide advocacy and other services in a wide range of settings, including:
 - Community institutions;
 - Faith communities;
 - Social service settings;
 - Medical settings;
 - Legal/Criminal justice settings;
 - Community service groups; and
 - Neighborhood groups.

Rooted in Trauma-Informed Care Principles

- Programs and services are rooted in the understanding of the effects of trauma on the lives of survivors and those who serve them.
- Programs support survivor growth and autonomy through collaboration and survivor-led decision-making.
- Programs are mindful of organizational capacity and limitations, with program culture, staffing, and services reflective of such awareness.
- Programs actively work to build vicarious resilience and prevent and lessen vicarious trauma.

Core and Comprehensive Services

Core services are the basic services sexual assault service agencies provide to sexual violence survivors and the community. They are the essential services that meet the immediate needs of survivors. In many states and territories, coalitions or state agencies define these core services by setting minimum standards of practice: the types of services that must be offered and the way services must be provided. (RSP, 2011). These often include services such as 24-hour crisis intervention, hospital and legal accompaniment, and information and referrals for other needs.

Comprehensive services provide the core services as well as additional opportunities for survivors to heal and communities to prevent violence. These include additional services that address the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of sexual assault survivors and their allies. These services go beyond the most immediate, pressing needs to support more in-depth healing, empowerment and integration. This guide is intended to describe the broad range of services that advocacy agencies may provide but is not exhaustive. Different cultural expressions of trauma may require culturally congruent responses. Services made available to survivors of sexual assault should be representative of each community's needs.

Type of Services	Core Services	Comprehensive Services
Crisis Intervention	• Available 24 hours a day/7-day a week • Active listening and empathy • Reinforcement of coping skills	Core services plus... • Consistency in crisis intervention for survivors who frequently access support • Face-to-face options available for support on an ongoing • Staff and volunteers trained in and use techniques to help reduce trauma symptoms • Ongoing evaluation of crisis intervention delivery

Type of Services	Core Services	Comprehensive Services
Advocacy	• Education about medical options • Medical accompaniment and advocacy during forensic exam or another emergency care • Education about justice and safety options • Legal accompaniment and advocacy during reporting and through prosecution • Legal accompaniment and advocacy provided for securing orders of protection • Advocacy as requested by survivors for other basic needs	Core services plus... • Medical accompaniment and advocacy provided for non-emergency medical services (e.g., OB/GYN care, dental care, etc.) • Legal accompaniment and advocacy provided for civil law cases • Advocacy provided for other impacts on survivors (e.g., with employers, schools, etc.) • Ongoing evaluation of advocacy needs and delivery
Information and Referral	• Referrals to other service providers that can support survivors (e.g., therapists, social services, housing, legal aide, holistic healing services, etc.)	Core services plus... • Screening of agencies and service providers on referral list • Policies for maintaining Confidentiality when communicating with agencies and service providers • Referrals for a wide range of health care (e.g., OB/GYN, chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncturists, etc.) • Ongoing evaluation of new information and referral needs
Counseling and Therapy	• Psycho education about effects of trauma • Supportive listening, validation, and empowerment • Assistance with coping skills and trigger plans	Core services plus... • Planned interventions and goals • Ongoing evaluation of counseling and therapy delivery and outcomes • Use of specific modalities provided by

Support Groups	• Groups exchange information, share techniques for problem-solving, and explore feelings • Maybe run by advocates or counselors • Peer-led support groups • May be curriculum-based, open or closed, short-term or ongoing • Culturally relevant groups/Talking Circles • Sexual violence specific groups	Core services plus... • Groups for adult survivors of child sexual abuse • Groups for male survivors • Groups for parents of child survivors • Groups for age-specific groups • Groups for survivors with disabilities • Groups in multiple languages (determined by community needs)
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Type of Services	Core	Comprehensive Services
Holistic Healing		• Healing arts opportunities (e.g., art therapy, music therapy) • Creative arts opportunities (e.g., knitting circles, writing groups, etc.) • Movement and exercise groups and classes • Meditation and mindfulness classes and groups • Yoga • Nutritional education • Somatic (body) based approaches • Outdoor-based healing activities • Culturally based approaches to healing

Institutional/ Systems Advocacy	• Staff training • Community task forces (SARTs, etc.) • Media advocacy	Core services plus... • Regular review and improvements of protocols and policies • Creation/integration of roles relevant to sexual assault intervention • Regular communication with medical and legal partners • Regular communication with other social services • Ongoing evaluation of systems coordination and community change
Support for Significant Others	• Information and referrals • Crisis intervention	Core services plus... • Advocacy • Support groups • Counseling/therapy • Childcare
Survivor Activism and Involvement		• Survivor participation in program advisory board • Volunteer opportunities • Survivor-led philanthropic events • Survivor political action committees • Opportunities for survivors to speak publicly about their experiences (e.g., Speak Outs, Clothesline Project, art exhibits, publications, speakers' bureau)