

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CRIME VICTIM AND SURVIVOR SERVICES DIVISION

2027-2028 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM (VAWA)

COMPETITIVE

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

**Special Projects for Law Enforcement and
Prosecution**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



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AWARD PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028

GRANT OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY

Opportunity Type: Competitive ALN Number: 16.588

RFA Release Date: August 26, 2026

RFA Deadline: All applications are due by 4:59 p.m. PDT on October 7, 2026

Award Period: January 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028

Registration: All new applicants must register in the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants System

Total Program Funding: \$ 202,857.00

The total is equally divided between the law enforcement and prosecution allocation categories.

Anticipated Number of Awards: 1 - 2

Matching Requirement:

A 25% cash or in-kind match of the total cost of the project is required for all government-based organizations, except for the funds used by Tribal Nations or non-profit, non-governmental victim services programs applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution.

VAWA Purpose:

The purpose of this funding is to strengthen coordinated responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking with a proposed training and/or project focused on policies, procedures and protocols. This may include regional or local multi-jurisdictional/disciplinary projects that focus on the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement, prosecution and judicial strategies to end violent crimes against women.

Eligible Applicants

All projects must have an organization or subgrantee that will serve as the fiduciary agent and assume overall responsibility for the grant. Eligible subgrantees include:

- state, local and tribal law enforcement;
- state, local and tribal prosecution; and
- Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Victim Service Programs (including faith based or other community programs), government-based or Tribal Victim Service Programs that are applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution (as defined in the VAWA Reauthorization Act or that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under the STOP VAWA Program).

Up to (5) priority points will be given to Sexual Assault Set Aside projects that include in whole or part a request for funding that serves survivors in a meaningful and intentional manner.

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SECTION I: Resources for this Application

Throughout this document, the Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division is referred to as ODOJ CVSSD.

The ODOJ CVSSD E-Grant Application Instructions provide guidance for each line item in the application. The Instructions can be found on the landing page on the Forms Menu in the E-Grants Application.

The [ODOJ CVSSD E-Grant Applicant User Guide](#) answers questions about navigating the system.

New to E-Grants? Watch a recorded training webinar about E-Grants.

[E-Grants Training with ASL](#)

[E-Grants Training without ASL](#)

The [VAWA Subaward Management Handbook](#) discusses general program requirements and restrictions relating to the administration of all federal VAWA subawards funded through the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (ODOJ CVSSD).

See Exhibit A for [2022 Universal Definitions](#).

Amendments To the Application

CVSSD may amend the 2027 - 2028 VAWA Competitive Special Projects (SP) Request for Applications (RFA). Amendment (s) are posted on the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system as a document link on the forms menu of the application.

The purpose of the amendment process and informational video conferences is to respond to questions, explain complex rules and fix errors before applicants submit a final proposal. In a competitive process it ensures fairness, clarity and equal access to information for all applicants.

CVSSD may also informally respond to applicants' questions with responses that do not affect the provisions of the 2027 - 2028 VAWA Competitive Special Projects (SP) Grant Application.

Applicants are responsible for entering and saving all application information in the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system. ODOJ CVSSD accepts no responsibility for applicants who miss or fail to provide information in the VAWA Competitive SP Grant Application and the E-Grants system.

Videoconference Informational Meeting

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in one of the following informational videoconferences. No registration is necessary. Select one of the two options below.

Date	Time	Link
Monday, August 31, 2026	10:30-12:00 pm PDT	Join ZoomGov Meeting https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1657195224?pwd=R7X9hCJyNUbjiYgVwY3NZc7aNFEQ5R.1 Meeting ID: 165 719 5224 Passcode: 572664
Wed, September 2, 2026	1:30 – 3:00pm PDT	Join ZoomGov Meeting https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1659306505?pwd=LBeJbHir0GgPeyT8J3jmb5YAYVq6J4.1 Meeting ID: 165 930 6505 Passcode: 197480

Key Dates

Date	Activity
August 26, 2026	VAWA Competitive Request for Applications (RFA) for Special Projects released
August 31 & September 2, 2026	RFA informational teleconference
September 10, 2026	Requests for changes/amendments to the application due
September 14, 2026	Final changes/amendments to the application posted
September 25, 2026	CVSSD E-Grants Registration and Updated Organization Information must be completed. CVSSD E-Grants will not allow new applications to be initiated after this date.
October 7, 2026	Application due through ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants
October 8 -October 22, 2026	Application Review by ODOJ CVSSD and External Reviewers
November 3, 2026	Award Recommendations to ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee
November 4, 2026	Award Recommendations to Attorney General for Approval
November 9 – 20, 2026	Award Announcements
January 1, 2027	2027-2028 VAWA Competitive Grant award period begins

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SECTION II: Requirements for all ODOJ CVSSD Funds

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

A. Eligibility

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

B. Common Requirements

1. **Advancing equity and meaningful community engagement** (applicable only to organizations representative of the dominant culture)¹
 - a. All applicants must have a written plan of action in place to ensure they are advancing the values and practices of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the work of the organization/agency. All staff and designated leadership should be involved in the development and implementation of the plan.
 - b. All applicants must have a written plan of action in place for outreach to and community coordination with culturally specific programs in their service area serving communities of color, LGBTQIA2S+, people with disabilities, Tribal Nations, and other populations

¹ Dominant culture refers to organizations/services that are not culturally specific. A dominant culture is one whose values, language, and ways of behaving are imposed on others through social or other pressures. Most of the organizations identified in this RFA are considered dominant culture.

impacted by inequity^{2,3,4,5}. All staff and designated leadership should be involved in the development and implementation of the plan.

2. Meaningful access to effective services supported with ODOJ CVSSD funds

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

- a. Victims/survivors are provided with timely information to make informed choices; services are voluntary and provided at no cost to victims/survivors.
- b. Victims/survivors are provided information on how to apply for Crime Victim Compensation.
- c. Services are victim/survivor-centered and encourage self-determination and informed decision making.
- d. There is planning and coordination of services when more than one provider is involved (co-advocacy).
- e. Referral processes are designed to care for and serve the best interest of victims/survivors. Referrals must ensure that victims/survivors feel supported while being connected to other services. Referrals are “warm hand-offs” not “drop-offs”.

3. Confidentiality and Advocate-Victim Privilege (for victim service providers only)

- a. Such requirements are mandated by state and federal law and required by ODOJ CVSSD. The laws are considered best practice to protect victim privacy and are consistent with other confidentiality provisions.
- b. For more specific requirements, see grant fund specific pages in this RFA and Guidelines for Confidentiality Policies: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Guidelines-for-Confidentiality-Policies.9508596.pdf>

4. Effective Services and Sound Administrative and Financial Management

- a. Risk assessments are completed and submitted with application.
- b. Financial and progress reports are true, accurate, timely, and complete.
- c. ODOJ CVSSD conducts regular monitoring (Financial Report Verifications, Administrative & Financial Desk Reviews, and Site Visits).
- d. True and accurate financial records kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and federal Uniform Guidance.

5. Training

² https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Summer_2020_Community_Conversations_Summary_Report.pdf

³ <https://www.ohsu.edu/inclusive-language-guide>

⁴ https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/oregon_tribal_nation_listening_tour.pdf

⁵ https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/oregon_tribal_nations_county_service_area.pdf

All grant-funded staff, volunteers/interns, and board/governing body members are trained as appropriate as outlined in this RFA.

6. Compliance with Relevant State and Federal Laws (as applicable at the time of this award)

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), state insurance requirements, and Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200.

7. Compliance with Fund Specific Guidance in this RFA.

A. 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, ODOJ CVSSD will take one or more of the following actions in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 and the ODOJ 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: Grant Application Overview

A. Introduction

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program, created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022), under federal statutory authority (34 U.S.C. §§ 10441, 10446-10451, 10454) from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) encourages the development and implementation of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violence crimes against women. The goal of the program is to encourage states and localities to restructure and strengthen the criminal justice systems response to be proactive in addressing violence against women, drawing on the experience of all the participants in the system, including the advocacy community.

Since 1994, Congress has reauthorized the VAWA Act four (4) times (in 2000, 2005, 2013 and 2022). The most recent, was signed into law in March 2022. For the purposes of this RFA, grant funds will be awarded under VAWA 2022. The 2022 universal definitions ([Exhibit A](#)) may be used as general guidelines for the VAWA grant.

DOJ CVSSD is the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program as authorized by ORS 147.231. CVSSD receives the federal grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The amount of competitive STOP Program funding available to applicants is based on statutory funding allocations determined by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). CVSSD distributes the STOP VAWA funds as required by statute for law enforcement, prosecution, courts and victims' services programs as follows:

Category	Annual STOP VAWA Formula Grant Award Allocation
Law Enforcement	25% competitive
Prosecution	25% competitive
Court	5% non-competitive
Victim Services	30% non-competitive
Discretionary	15% non-competitive for victim services and statewide training projects

All of the allocation categories mentioned above are disbursed based on the type of organization that benefits from the VAWA program and the type of services supported by the program; however, discretionary funding may be used for any of the categories at the discretion of CVSSD. The funds awarded through this application will support law enforcement and prosecution allocation categories only.

Meaningful Sexual Assault Services

Under VAWA 2022, 20 percent of funds granted to the state must be allocated for programs or projects in two or more allocations that **meaningfully address sexual assault**, including stranger rape, acquaintance rape, alcohol or drug-facilitated rape, and rape within the context of an intimate partner relationship. Twenty (20) percent is counted on the total amount granted to the state but is not a separate allocation. A portion of this requirement is met through the joint noncompetitive victim services grant with the competitive awards meeting the remaining state set aside.

Federal Allocation Requirements ***These are not additional funds. ***	
Meaningful Sexual Assault Services	A total of 20% of the total state award must be taken from at least 2 of the categories (LE, Prosecution, Courts or VS).

A State funding priority currently allocates 20% across all allocation categories to meaningfully address sexual assault services. For the purposes of this RFA, CVSSD encourages the use of grant funds to support sexual assault services and will award up to five (5) priority points for those projects that do (Refer to Section IX. Application Review and Award Decisions). To qualify for the priority points, applicants must demonstrate how the portion of the project that supports sexual assault and sexual assault personnel will be intentionally focused on sexual assault and separate from other programming. All sexual assault funded staff must have sufficient expertise and experience in the field of sexual assault response. All sexual assault funded staff must have sufficient expertise and experience in the field of sexual assault response.

B. Purpose

This competitive application for one-time special projects will fund projects that seek to develop and strengthen effective responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. As included in Section IX., applicants may receive up to five priority points for projects utilizing funding to support meaningful access to sexual assault services and five priority points for delivering services in frontier counties.

Oregon STOP VAWA Implementation Plan

The CVSSD Advisory Committee and the VAWA Implementation Planning Subcommittee are responsible for the development of the STOP VAWA Implementation Plan for Oregon. This plan establishes the funding priorities for projects receiving federal STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program funds every four years. A copy of the FY 2026 – 2029 STOP VAWA Implementation Plan (IP) for Oregon may be found [here](#) and is applicable to federal fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

For the purposes of this RFA, Oregon’s funding priorities for FY 2026 - 2029 are provided in the IP (page 23 – 33) for the applicants use along with Appendix H. FY 2026 – 2029 VAWA IP Goals and Objectives for Grant Funded Projects. This list provides some ideas based on the states funding priorities and goals but is not limited to all allowable projects eligible for funding under this RFA. Special projects may be tailored to meet local training and/or projects focused on developing or strengthening policies, procedures and protocols.

ODOJ CVSSD will not approve the use of Subawards in this application for funding.

Section IV: Eligibility

A. Eligible Applicants

CVSSD anticipates awarding approximately \$202,857 to support applicants for the law enforcement and/or prosecution allocation funds for grant award period January 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028.

All projects must have an organization, or subrecipient that will serve as the fiduciary agent and assume overall responsibility for the grant. Eligible VAWA subrecipients include:

- state, local and tribal law enforcement;
- state, local and tribal prosecution; and
- Non-Profit Victim Service Programs (including faith based or other community-based programs); government-based or Tribal Victim Service Programs that are applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution.

If two or more jointly apply, they must designate one body to take the lead role and identify that agency's fiscal officer.

Eligible applicants are limited to one application. Applicants must identify and focus their request on either law enforcement and/or prosecution but may include activities in the other area. The Oregon Judicial Department is limited to one application for court allocation funds.

1. Guidance for organizations applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution allocation funds.

Refer to [Exhibit A VAWA 2022 Universal Definitions and Grant Conditions](#) for federal definitions as amended by VAWA 2022.

a. Applicants are expected to propose project activities that support and enhance the core functions of law enforcement or prosecution. A victim service provider (non-profit, government or tribal-based) may apply "for the benefit of" prosecution or law enforcement by demonstrating how the project meets the core functions in a **required** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU provides documentation that demonstrates that the organizations have consulted and coordinated the responsibilities of their activities that clearly meet the core functions of law enforcement or prosecution. A comprehensive description of the roles and responsibilities of the applicant's partnership with each of the proposed law enforcement or prosecution partners must include signatures.

The core function of **law enforcement** is to:

- Investigate domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence crimes;
- Provide services to ensure the immediate safety of victims; and
- Hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The core function of **prosecution** is to:

- Prosecute domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence crimes,
- Provide services to ensure the long term safety of victims; and
- Hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The core function of the **courts** is to provide fair, accessible and timely justice to promote the rule of law, protect individual rights and resolve conflicts.

2. Allocation Category Goals

Law Enforcement

The goal of this grant opportunity is to enhance the ability of local communities to keep women safe and hold perpetrators accountable. The grant project will achieve this by: 1) enabling more effective enforcement of laws prohibiting violence against women through the development of focused enforcement units with specialized skills and tactics; 2) improving the capacity of law enforcement to appropriately respond to the needs of victims, and 3) developing and implementing policies and protocols to insure an effective response. Grant funds are available to develop or expand specialized enforcement and investigative units, positions, or other specialized resources that focus on sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking crimes, and/or dating violence.

Prosecution

The primary goal of this grant opportunity is to enhance the ability of local communities to keep women safe and hold perpetrators accountable. The grant project will achieve this by: 1) enabling more effective prosecution of offenders violating laws that protect women and prohibiting violence against women in the process; 2) improving the capacity of the justice system to respond to victims needs and to treat victims with respect; 3) effectively coordinating prosecution with law enforcement, community victim services; the courts; and other system components. Grant funds are available to develop or expand specialized prosecution units or other specialized resources to prosecute/adjudicate domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking cases.

B. Requirements for agencies not currently receiving VAWA funding

If you are a new applicant or do not currently receive ODOJ CVSSD grant funds you must:

1. Register in the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grant system at www.CVSSDegrants.com. Please see the ODOJ CVSSD [E-Grant Applicant User Guide](#) on Gaining Access to Oregon ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants to walk through the process.
2. Please allow 24 hours to process your registration.
3. You will be asked to provide additional information as requested below. This information will be provided on Form N: Attachments to Upload.

a. **Non-Profit Organizations Only**

- Most recent Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
- Date of most recent submission of IRS Form 990

C. VAWA Federal Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants must submit a grant application demonstrating their continued compliance with the VAWA federal requirements (if a current or previous recipient of these federal funds).

An organization must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for VAWA funds:

1. Comply with Federal Rules Regulating Grants.

Subrecipients must comply with the applicable provisions of VOCA, the Program Guidelines, and the requirements of the [Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide](#), which includes maintaining appropriate programmatic and financial records that fully disclose the amount and disposition of VAWA funds received. Appropriate records may include financial documentation for disbursements; daily time and attendance records specifying time devoted to allowable VAWA services; client files; the portion of the project supplied by other sources of revenue; job descriptions; contracts for services; and other records which facilitate an effective audit.

2. Maintain Civil Rights Requirements. The ODOJ [CVSSD Civil Rights Requirements](#) provides information and links that will assist subrecipients in complying with three mandatory federal processes. These include:

- Civil rights laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs or activities;
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) guidelines (as applicable); and,
- Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOP) (as applicable). Non-profit organizations and Tribal Nations are exempt from the EEOP requirements but must complete the EEOP form included as a Grant Agreement Exhibit.

These processes include notification of nondiscrimination policy, responding to discrimination complaints, and civil rights training and are required of subrecipients of VAWA funding through CVSSD.

Civil Rights Training Certification is required to be updated every two years and uploaded into E-Grants before the grant agreement is signed.

3. Comply with Non-Discrimination Provision. Sub-recipients must comply with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act prohibition from excluding, denying benefits to, or discriminating against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with VAWA funds no person shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in 249 (c) (4) of title 18, US Code), sexual orientation or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination. Exception: if sex segregation or sex-specific programming is necessary to the essential operation of a program, nothing stated here shall prevent any such program or activity from consideration of an individual's sex. In such circumstances, subgrantees may meet the requirements by providing comparable services to individuals who cannot be provided with sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. Refer to [2013 FAQs Civil Rights Non-Discrimination VAWA](#).

4. Comply with the Assurances and Certifications. Sub-recipients must meet the terms of the Certified Assurances and other federal rules regulating grants, including non-supplanting and the Certifications regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension and other responsibility matters, and drug-free workplace requirements.

5. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. As of January 1, 2009, all recipients of Federal VAWA funds, and their sub-contractors, must comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. All successful applicants will be required to acquire registration with the System for Award Management (SAM), if you have not already done so. SAM is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. Information about SAM registration procedures can be accessed at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).

6. Obtain a Unique Entity ID. All successful applicants are required to obtain a federal Unique Entity ID, if you do not already have one. The SAM-generated Unique Entity ID becomes the official identifier for doing business with the U.S. Government.

If your entity is registered in the system your Unique Entity ID has already been assigned and is viewable in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). If new, you must register your entity to do business with the U.S. government.

- It can take up to 4 weeks to receive your Unique Entity ID.
- Reach customer support at a single [helpdesk](#) for all Unique Entity ID and entity registration issues.

7. Prosecution Certification and Protocol. Under this RFA, prosecuting agencies requesting STOP funds must attest to or include:

- **Victim-Centered Certification and Policies:** Proof or assurance of specialized training for prosecutors regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- **Alternative Protocol:** A formal protocol outlining non-coercive practices and alternative procedures (such as enhanced support or subpoena alternatives) that must be completely exhausted *before* a prosecutor's office requests material witness petitions, bench warrants, or the physical detention/arrest of a reluctant victim-witness to secure testimony.

The prosecution certification and protocol requirements—mandating victim-centered training, policies, and alternative procedures to exhaust before using material witness warrants or arresting victims—are federal statutory mandates under 34 U.S.C. § 10454(3) and 34 U.S.C. § 10461(c)(1)(F)(iii), respectively. Prosecutors' offices may adapt and implement this [model protocol](#) to satisfy this statutory requirement. Other resources are available [here](#).

D. Availability and Duration of Funding

Through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program, the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ), Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) will award approximately \$202,857 in federal grant funds in FY 2027 for a 12–15-month grant award period from January 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028.

E. Award amount and number of awards

Total Funding Available through this RFA: \$ \$202,857

The funds will be awarded to 1 – 2 projects under law enforcement and prosecution categories:

- A minimum of \$32,460 is earmarked for sexual assault set aside funds.

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs.

F. Condition of Awards

1. Incomplete or Nonconforming Applications

The State of Oregon reserves the right to reject any or all grant proposals, to waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received, and to accept any portion of the proposal or all items proposed, if deemed in the best interest of the State of Oregon to do so. Failure of the applicant to provide information requested in the application shall be the responsibility of the applicant agency/program and may result in disqualification of the applicant. NOTE: The fact that an applicant meets eligibility requirements and applies for eligible services does not guarantee grant funding.

2. Timely Completion of Grant Award Documents

All grant awards are made conditional upon the subrecipient's 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 the organization's/agency's Authorized Signer and/or the Board Chair or County Chair designee and Financial Officer. If all required grant award documents are not completed by an applicant within three months of the notice to the applicant of the intended award, ODOJ CVSSD may withdraw the award and has the authority to reallocate the conditionally awarded funds.

Before the ODOJ CVSSD will issue an award or release a payment, required reports for all existing awards issued by ODOJ CVSSD must be completed. The schedule for reporting requirements across all funds is located on the ODOJ CVSSD website (Important Grant Reporting Dates - Oregon Department of Justice).

3. Conditional Awards

- a. All grant agreements issued by ODOJ CVSSD include requirements that must be satisfied by both parties to the agreement. In addition, ODOJ CVSSD may include additional conditions when circumstances exist that require a further showing of subrecipient's ability to successfully manage an award. Examples of such additional conditions include, but are not limited to, a requirement of more frequent reporting to assure timeliness and accuracy, or additional reports to document that subrecipient is successfully addressing an area of concern. When additional conditions are included in a grant agreement, the subrecipient's failure to satisfy those conditions shall be governed by the default and termination provisions included in the agreement.
- b. The applicant will be notified that the applicant's award will be finalized, and the sub-award documents are executed only if the additional conditions are satisfied in a timely manner. The notice shall specify the conditions to be satisfied by the applicant and the

date by which each condition must be satisfied. If the conditions are satisfied within the prescribed time frame, the award will then be finalized, and award documents can be executed. Applicants who do not satisfy award conditions by the date specified shall be notified in writing that the conditions have not been satisfied and the conditional award has been withdrawn.

4. Payment of Awards

All payments are contingent upon funds being appropriated and available for distribution.

VAWA payments are quarterly and made on a reimbursement basis, meaning that grant funds are paid to the subrecipient agency/organization after expenditures have been made. Payments to subrecipients are made when ODOJ CVSSD approves submitted quarterly financial reports, accompanied by all required progress and statistical reports due for the corresponding reporting period. Payments will not be issued if there are past due reports. Sample language as to the payment of VAWA awards and the conditions precedent to payment are included in the sample ODOJ CVSSD VAWA Grant Agreement.

Section V: Information Specific to VAWA Funding

A. Federal and State Priority Areas

1. State Program Funding Priorities

The following state funding priorities were approved by CVSSD and the VAWA Implementation Planning Subcommittee for FY –2026 - 2029:

- Provide victims of domestic and sexual assault, stalking and dating violence meaningful access to services and to support programs by stabilizing funding for:
 - a) Victims' services (includes non-profit, tribal and prosecution-based programs); and
 - b) Law enforcement, prosecution and court projects.
- Support services to meet the needs of victims from Tribal Nations and other underserved populations, cultural or population specific communities that will improve and enhance culturally specific services and increase cultural competency in the delivery of victim services as well as the cultural responsiveness of prosecution, law enforcement and courts. **(REQUIRED)**
- To support statewide, regional and local training projects, using allocation of STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program funds.
- CVSSD will 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, as a set aside across victim services, discretionary, law enforcement, prosecution, and court allocation categories.
- To facilitate collaboration, consultation and planning among and between non-profit, government-based, and tribal victim service providers and law enforcement, prosecution and courts. **(REQUIRED)** *The VAWA IP Subcommittee voted to make this a state requirement among and between all partners. The federal requirement is demonstrated with a letter of consultation for all government-based organizations.*

- To reduce the number of domestic violence homicides in the State of Oregon through fatality review of domestic violence cases, implementation of model firearm surrender protocols and/or use of lethality assessments or DV checklists. Each circuit court is responsible for drafting and maintaining their own firearm surrender protocols and may not use the standard protocol. Some counties may publish their firearm surrender protocols on their website. *Note: Applicants may also propose a project that “develops and implements other policies, procedures and protocols related to domestic and/or sexual violence, stalking or dating violence.*

The funding priorities demonstrate the state’s intent for VAWA funds following an inclusive and coordinated planning process. The funding priorities are developed every four years in response to an evaluation of statewide gaps 2025 VAWA IP Survey Summary. The IP is intended to reflect the strengths and needs of the state; the challenges that survivors, systems, providers, and relevant disciplines face; and the priorities, goals, and objectives for use of STOP funds. Please refer to the FY 2026 - 2029 VAWA Implementation Plan for Oregon.

Each proposed project must include the following:

- Applicants are required to include two of the six state funding priorities in the development of their project as noted on the previous page of this RFA. Both of these are included on Form B and M. The application questions on Form B along with a Letter of Consultation address both of these priorities as part of your application.
- Applicants may choose an additional state funding priority or include activities that will meet state goals under a **primary focus area Training; or Policies, Procedures and Protocols) as listed in E-Grants on Forms G - H** Applicants may choose other priorities and objectives. There are some examples on [Appendix H and I](#). The primary focus of the proposed project must include at least one of the federal statutory purpose areas.
- Applicants will use at least one federal statutory purpose area along with the required (and other(s) if selected) state funding priorities in their proposed project. Applicants may also refer to the VAWA IP Survey Summary Report. Applicants may include additional objectives.

2. Federal Statutory Purpose Areas

By statute, VAWA Formula Grant Program funds must be used to address one or more of the federal statutory purpose areas as outlined in the 2022 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. The list of purpose areas may be found [here](#).

Statutory Purpose Area 20 Prevention and Educational Programming is not available as an allowable activity for applicants in this RFA.

3. OVW Priority Areas

The emphasis of the VAWA Formula Grant Program continues to be on the development and implementation of comprehensive law enforcement, prosecution and judicial strategies addressing violence against women that are sensitive to the immediate and long-term needs and safety of victims and holding offenders accountable for their crimes.

The goal of the program is to encourage states and localities to restructure and strengthen the criminal justice systems' response in addressing violence against women, drawing on the experience of all of the participants in the system, including the advocacy community.

4. Unallowable & Out of Scope Activities

The following is a list of activities that are unallowable and out of program scope and cannot be supported by VAWA Formula Grant Program funding:

- Law enforcement equipment such as uniforms, safety vests, shields and weapons. (Equipment such as cameras, specifically designated for investigating domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or dating violence incidents are allowable);
- Victim Service-related projects, that fall outside the scope of law enforcement, prosecution or courts in criminal justice (unallowable for this RFA only);
- Substance abuse counseling for domestic and sexual assault victims;
- Immigration fees for battered immigrant women;
- Activities focused on education and prevention efforts (includes bystander intervention, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.);
- Research projects (this does not include program assessment conducted only for internal improvement purposes);
- Lobbying or attempts to influence members of Congress, the Oregon Legislature, County Commissions, City Councils, or other legislative bodies;
- Fundraising campaigns, endowment drives, or solicitation of gifts and bequests;
- Purchase of real property and vehicles; and
- Construction or physical modification to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).

The following activities have been found to jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions:

- Procedures or policies that exclude eligible victims from receiving services based on the classifications identified in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)(A) or their actual or perceived mental or physical health condition, criminal record, employment history or status, income or lack of income, or the age and/or sex of their children.
- Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of victims.
- Using technology without addressing implications for victim confidentiality, safety planning, and the need for informed consent;
- Procedures or policies that require victims to take certain actions (e.g., seek an order of protection; receive counseling; participate in counseling, mediation, or restorative justice/ circle processes; report to law enforcement or other authorities; seek civil or criminal remedies) or penalize them for failing to do so.
- Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims;
- Project design, products, services and/or budgets that fail to account for the unique needs of individuals with disabilities, with limited English proficiency, or who are Deaf or hard of hearing, including accessibility for such individuals; and
- Partnering with individuals or organizations that support/promote practices that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability.

For more detailed examples refer to the VAWA Subaward Handbook.

SECTION VI: General Application and E-Grant Guidelines

The following instructions are intended to guide the applicant in completing the 2027 - 2028 VAWA Competitive Special Projects Grant Application.

A. General Application Instructions

1. Applicants already registered in ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants must review and update the organization or Tribal Nation's contact and member profile information. This includes deactivating staff no longer associated with the organization. This process should be completed prior to initiating the application. Please refer to the [E-Grants Applicant User Guide](#) to assist you through the registration process.
2. Applications must be completed and submitted entirely through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system. The forms section is where the majority of the work for an application is completed and where documents are uploaded. All forms must be complete with no error messages before submitting the application. Remember to click "SAVE" frequently. Applicants must change the status of the application to "Application Submitted" when all forms are complete, and all errors are corrected.
3. The application is due on **October 7, 2026, by 4:59 pm Pacific Daylight Time**. Late applications will not be accepted.
4. ODOJ CVSSD has the right to make or deny an award without prior communication with the applicant.
5. By submitting an application, an applicant agrees to comply with all ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreement requirements.

B. Technical Assistance Regarding the CVSSD E-Grants

1. Application Instructions are attached to the Forms Menu.
2. The [ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants Applicant User Guide](#)
3. Contact your Fund Coordinator for assistance with the application contents.
4. Contact the Agate Software Help Desk for system technical assistance, which is available Monday – Friday 5am to 5pm, Pacific Daylight Time, at 1-866-449-1425 or email azhelpdesk@agatesoftware.com.
5. All required documents for this application are found in ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants.
6. The ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system allows applicants to check the status of each form and when it was last saved. As each form is saved, the system will inform applicants if there are errors. Applicants are unable to submit an application until all errors are corrected.
7. Do not attach or upload documents to the Forms pages that are not requested unless otherwise directed by ODOJ CVSSD.

SECTION VII: Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

A. Grant Monitoring

ODOJ CVSSD monitors awards for compliance with applicable federal and state guidelines. The process ODOJ CVSSD follows to monitor awards are found in the [ODOJ CVSSD Grant Monitoring Policy](#), the [VAWA Subaward Handbook](#), and the [ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreement](#). ODOJ CVSSD will monitor awards to determine if subrecipients are 1) providing the services outlined in their grant applications, and 2) 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.

B. Default

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

C. Reporting Requirements

Reporting for this application will be done through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system, and as appropriate, with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and VAWA MEI and its online IMPACT Tool reporting system . Details on reporting in the new online system will be provided when awards are final. See the reporting schedule at the end of this section.

1. Quarterly Financial Reporting

- a. Subrecipients must submit a Quarterly Financial Report, as described in the sample VAWA Grant Agreement. All accompanying progress reports for the quarter must be submitted in order for payment to be made.
- b. In addition to any specified conditions, subrecipients must adhere to the financial guidelines set forth in the fund specific ODOJ CVSSD Grant Agreement.

2. Semi Annual Narrative and Performance Reporting Requirements

Subrecipient must prepare and submit a semiannual narrative report and progress on VAWA Project Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures Reports. See required reporting dates below.

3. VAWA Annual Progress Report (VAWA Annual Impact Report)

Federal regulations require that each subrecipient must submit an annual statistical and

narrative summary in the new online VAWA Impact reporting system. The IMPACT report identifies all services provided by VAWA funds for the *calendar* year January – December. Resources may be found [here](#). ODOJ CVSSD will provide a unique URL link at the end of the reporting year as provided by MEI. A copy of a sample Subgrantee Performance Reporting Form is available for reference which allows you to gather the information during the reporting year: [STOP Formula Sample Subgrantee Performance Reporting Form](#).

4. Reporting on ODOJ CVSSD Common Outcome Measures

All VAWA subrecipients are required to collect feedback on services provided using prescribed common outcome measures listed below. The client feedback will not be tied to the specific, VAWA funded project, but rather to all victim services provided by the program. Programs are asked to collect client feedback from at least 10% of appropriate clients with the goal of a 90% positive response.

Subrecipients are only obligated to survey appropriate clients and should specify which clients will be surveyed via an internal, agency policy. For example, no clients in crisis would 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 following measures that will be common across all VAWA funded programs:

“The program provided me with services that helped me make informed choices about my situation.”

In addition, programs must ask the following appropriate two discipline specific measures:

For programs serving primarily **victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**:

1. After working with this agency, I have some new ideas about how to stay safe.
2. After working with this agency, I know more about resources that may be available, including how to access them.

Grant recipients 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.

For programs serving **all types of victims of crime** (including Prosecutor Based Victim Assistance Programs):

1. As a result of the information I received from the Victim Assistance Program, I better understand my rights as a victim of crime.
2. The information given to me by the Victim Assistance Program helped me better understand the criminal justice system process as it relates to my case.

For programs serving primarily **victims of child abuse**:

1. The program staff treated my family with sensitivity and respect.
2. The program staff was supportive in helping me to access recommended treatment services for my child and family.

D. Reporting Dates

All reports will be submitted electronically through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants or annually through the annual VAWA Impact reporting system according to the following schedule. Detailed information on quarterly reporting will be provided in the Award Grant Agreement.

Due January 31	Due April 30	Due July 20	Due October 31
EGrants Financial Report Progress Report VAWA Impact Report (Annual)	EGrants Financial Report Progress Report (COM only)	EGrants Financial Report Progress Report	EGrants Financial Report Progress Report (COM only)

E. Unspent and de-obligation of grant funds

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.

Section VIII: Submission Information

VAWA Competitive Special Project grant applications MUST be submitted electronically through the ODOJ CVSSD E-Grants system. For instructions on how to submit your application, please review the “Submitting your Application” section of the ODOJ CVSSD [E-Grants Applicant User Guide](#).

The VAWA Competitive Application is Due:

October 7, 2026, by 4:59 pm PDT

When applications are submitted, they are entered into a “read-only” status & cannot be changed.

At the deadline time, e-grants will lock the system and will no longer accept applications.

Late applications will not 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. E-Grants will not allow new applications to be initiated after September 25, 2026. The applicant should begin the application submission process at least 48 hours prior to the deadline. This will allow for sufficient time to contact the appropriate individuals and take corrective action should unforeseen technical issues arise.

Section IX. Review of Application 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. CVSSD Fund Coordinators will complete an initial review of minimum qualifications as well as an internal risk assessment. The Review Teams consisting of ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Board members, government and community partners, and subject-matter experts will review, evaluate, score, and rank each application. The final Review Team ranking is presented to the ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee. The ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee makes final recommendations to ODOJ CVSSD for funding. ODOJ CVSSD presents the Advisory Committee's 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 Fund Coordinators and review, scoring, and ranking by external Review Teams for both allocation categories. (scored)

Step 3: Funding recommendations made to the ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee

Step 4: Oregon Attorney General approves funding recommendations.

Step 5: Selection and Notification

Funding Priority

Priority points (5) will be given to projects that deliver services in frontier counties and (up to 5) points for delivery of sexual assault services that meet the set aside requirements. Addressing priorities are both considered factors that ODOJ CVSSD considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

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 A – R are required to be completed (exceptions are Forms C; G or H which will be completed as appropriate with proposed project).

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 two.

Step 2: Evaluation of Applications

a. Standard Points.

Up to one hundred standard (100) points will be awarded to each application based on the Scoring Table provided below.

The Review Teams will score all applications according to how the applicant provided a comprehensive response to each of the questions in Forms C (as applicable), Project Description on

Form G – H (as applicant selects primary focus), I Project Goals and Objectives, J (as applicable), K - M and budget forms N – R will be evaluated to ensure alignment with the project description and considered in the scoring. Reviewers will also evaluate if the applicant presents a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs and if the budget credibly represents the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project.

The Review Team members will first assign standard points. Standard points assigned by each reviewer 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.

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

The Review Teams will score all applications according to how well the applicant responded to each of the questions in Forms A - M. The Review Team will also evaluate if the applicant presents a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs and if the budget credibly represents the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project.

The Review Team members will 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. Priority Points for Delivery of Services in Frontier Counties:

Applicants qualifying for priority points as a frontier county must receive a minimum of 75 standard points to receive bonus points.

Five (5) priority 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, <http://frontierus.org/aboutus.php>, 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 VAWA funds, CVSSD, in consultation with the CVSSD Advisory Committee, 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 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 priority points have to pass the Minimum Qualifications as described in Step 1 and receive a minimum of seventy five (75) standard points as described in. 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) priority 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) priority points.

c. Priority Points for Proposed Use of Grant Funds for Sexual Assault Activities.

Applicants qualifying for up to five (5) priority points for their “proposed use of grant funds for sexual assault activities” must receive a minimum of 75 standard points.

Up to five (5) priority points may be awarded to applications submitted by applicants meeting the bonus point criteria described below.

- Applicants respond to the questions listed on Form C. Sexual Assault Services.
- Applicants include SA funding in their budgets.
- Applicants demonstrate meaningful delivery of sexual assault services.

- ü Provides examples of community leadership and accomplishments on sexual violence issues;
- ü Demonstrates broad training in sexual assault for all staff;
- ü Funds budgeted for sexual assault-specific staffing and services;
- ü Addresses “ten components” in current and future efforts; and.
- ü Incorporates discussion of sexual assault services throughout the application.

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

Step 3. Ranking of Applications.

The Review Team (s) will use the standard points awarded to each application to rank each application. After ranking applications based on standard points, priority points will be awarded, based on the definition described in Section IX.2.b and c., resulting in the final ranking of the applications.

Step 3. Recommendations to Advisory Committee.

The VAWA Fund Coordinator and one member of the Review Team (also an AC member) will present the recommendations for funding to the ODOJ CVSSD Advisory Committee. The CVSSD Advisory Committee makes a final recommendation to ODOJ CVSSD for funding.

Step 4: Review and Approval of Oregon Attorney General.

ODOJ CVSSD makes a final recommendation to the Oregon Attorney General. The Oregon Attorney General is not obligated to make any grant award as a result of this RFA.

Step 5. Selection and Notification.

Approved applicants are notified of the award and 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 priority points must receive a score of eighty (80) of the possible one hundred (100) Standard Points to be eligible to receive priority points. The Review Team will assign points to its evaluation of each application as follows:

Standard Points	Point Basis
50 points	Project Description: <i>Specify what will be done, who (individuals and organizations) will do it, and when it will be accomplished. If you propose utilizing grant funds to support sexual assault services, you should speak to that throughout your application. As applicable, the project description includes information about the MOU and any contracts as described below.</i> • Gives objective, factual information and avoids giving subjective information and generalizations • Demonstrates how the agency provides meaningful access to services; • Comprehensive description of underserved populations and/or Tribal Nations or culturally specific communities to benefit from the project or to be served; • Demonstrates experience and expertise in delivering services that benefit the underserved populations, Tribal Nations, population-specific or culturally specific population; • Sufficiently describes why this project is needed and how it will address the problems related to domestic or sexual violence, stalking or dating violence facing the identified population and/or audience to benefit from the project; • Identified gaps are well defined and/or locally documented by statistics/data; • Provides a comprehensive description of the specific population (s) or audience to benefit from the project; • Has activities planned that respond directly to the needs of the identified target population or audience to benefit from the project; • Describes the services offered to target population(s) or audience to benefit from the project; • Describes how applicants will provide the services, including any start-up activities; • Benefit to identified population is convincing; • Demonstrates community partnerships or collaborations necessary to implement the proposed project (includes MOU and responses to Form B. question 2.a.i and ii.); • Gives objective, factual information; • As appropriate, demonstrates that currently funded project has met accomplishments and benefited targeted population(s) or audience to benefit from the project; <i>Responses to questions about use of grant funds in a secondary focus to their proposed project will be reviewed with the applicant's primary focus in the Project Narrative section.</i>
	<i>MOUs for any purpose will be considered as part of the project description. A signed MOU is <u>required</u> for applicants applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution. As applicable, applicants submitting MOUs to demonstrate formal partnerships without an exchange of grant funds will also be considered as part of the project description.</i> Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) • Comprehensive description of the roles and responsibilities of the applicant's partnerships with law enforcement, prosecution, courts, community, tribal and/or government-based victim service programs as well as other key collaborative partners. This includes collaboration with underserved, marginalized and oppressed communities and populations and Tribal Nations. • Demonstrates community partnerships or collaborations necessary to implement the proposed project; and • Demonstrated coordinated community response with partners.

Standard Points	Point Basis
	Subcontracts If applicable, properly establishes and executes contracts for ancillary goods or services; Responses to subcontracting questions and uploaded subcontracts will be reviewed with the applicant's Project Budget as well as the Project Description if an applicant proposes subcontracting grant funds.
15 points	<i>Project Specific Goals, Objectives, Activities and Performance Measures:</i> • Provides goal(s) and objectives consistent with the project description, need statement and priority focus area the applicant has selected; • The proposed activities address the problem or need and linked to the objectives; • Outputs and outcomes measure the proposed project activities; and • Directly connects the outcome to the objectives. • Continuation projects clearly identify any baseline data that exists from the most recent prior year of the project; and • All projects clearly identify project objectives (measure change as a result of implementing the proposed project).
15 points	<i>Community Collaboration:</i> <i>Collaboration (Letter of Consultation and responses to Form B. Questions 2.a. i and ii.)</i> • Demonstrates collaboration and coordinated community response with partners included in the proposed project (law enforcement, prosecution, courts, community, tribal and government-based programs); • Describes the current and proposed consultation and planning among and between other collaborative partners (multi-disciplinary teams/members, etc); • Demonstrates partnerships with organizations serving identified underserved population (s) as well as population and culturally specific organizations; and • Demonstrates strengthened partnership as a result of the collaboration in proposed project. Example: Increase in victim safety due to the actions of law enforcement investigating and enforcing restraining orders.
20 points	<i>Project Budget and Budget Summary:</i> • Budget and match (if applicable) contributions are directly related to the proposed project; • Budget and match (if applicable) contributions reasonably support the proposed project activities. • FTE of the staff position(s) corresponds with the project description and staff roster. • FTE salary and personnel expenses are explained thoroughly and calculations are accurate. • Budgeted items are allowable according to VAWA guidelines; and • Clearly explains the proposed budget expenditures.

Priority Points	Point Basis
5 points	<i>Delivering services in one or more frontier counties:</i> Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa, Wheeler <i>OR</i> <i>Delivering services in one or more frontier counties and in a geographical area outside of the defined frontier counties</i>
Up to 5 points	<i>Delivering meaningful access to sexual assault services</i>

Section X. Reservation of Rights

CVSSD reserves the right to:

1. Seek clarifications of each application and/or award a grant contract without further discussion of the proposals 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, in their sole discretion, whether an application does, or does not, substantially comply with the requirements of this VAWA Competitive Special Projects RFA; and
4. Waive any minor irregularity, informal, or non-conformance with the provisions or procedures of this RFA.

Section XI: Review of Award Decision

A. Informal Review

Applicants may request informal feedback and technical assistance regarding their grant application any time **after** receiving notification of the award decision. Contact the ODOJ CVSSD Fund Coordinator assigned to you for additional information regarding this process.

B. Formal Review

- An applicant has a right to a review of the award decision with regard to its application.
- Each applicant will be informed of this review procedure at the time a decision is made regarding its application.
- No applicant will be subject to reprisal for seeking a review of an award decision.
- An applicant may request a review, by written request, to ODOJ CVSSD within seven (7) calendar days after receiving notification of the award decision.
- When ODOJ CVSSD is notified that an applicant has requested an award decision review, a meeting will be scheduled 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. Every effort will be made to hold this meeting within 14 calendar days of receipt of the review request.
- The ODOJ CVSSD Grant Fund Coordinator will notify the applicant of the meeting

outcome/decision within five (5) working days after the meeting is held.

- If the matter at hand is not resolved through the above-described procedure, the applicant may request a review of the issue by the Oregon Attorney General or 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.
- Every effort will be made to have a final decision by the Oregon Attorney General or designee within 14 calendar days of receipt of the request.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A: [Sample Letter of Consultation with Victim Service Programs](#)
[Sample Letter of Consultation with Criminal Justice Organizations](#)
- Appendix B: [Sample Letter of Authorization](#)
- Appendix C: [Certificate of Non-Supplanting](#)
- Appendix D: [Memorandum of Understanding Template and Guidelines](#)
- Appendix E: [VAWA Statement of Compliance](#)
- Appendix F: [Training Project Detail Forms](#)
*A separate form for **LE/Prosecution** and the **Courts**.*
- Appendix G: [OVW Model Protocol Regarding Victim Testimony](#)
- Appendix H: [FY 2026 2029 VAWA IP Goals and Objectives for Grant Funded Projects](#)
- Appendix I: [Example for VAWA Project Goals and Objectives](#)

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A: [Federal 2022 Universal Definitions](#)
- Exhibit B: [VAWA IP Survey Summary Report 2025](#)