STOP VAWA Program 6: Victim Services Grant Program
FFY13 Funded Programs

Program Description: The primary goal of this grant opportunity is to enhance the ability of local communities to keep women safe and hold perpetrators accountable by meeting the immediate safety and physical needs of women victims of violent crimes, as well as their long-term care and recovery needs. Funding is available to expand or enhance a wide range of services to adult and teenaged female victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. A special emphasis is placed on services to underserved and previously un-served populations.

Funded Projects: Project period 10/1/13 through 9/30/14

Family Support Center: Chippewa County $33,675
This project will provide services available to all victims of sexual assault age 13 and older in Chippewa County. The project will provide outreach and services to specialized and underserved populations, specifically women in rural communities, alcohol- and drug-addicted women, incarcerated women, and teens.

Lutheran Social Services: Racine County $49,504
This project allows for the provision of bilingual (Spanish/English) advocacy services to Hispanic/Latina sexual assault victims in Racine County. These services include personal, medical, family and legal advocacy, as well community awareness and outreach.

Women & Children's Horizons, Inc.: Kenosha County $40,429
Funding will support the Hispanic Advocate and Restraining Order Advocate positions, which will be strengthened by developing community relationships and use of client-informed processes.

ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center, Inc.: Fond du Lac County $74,756
Funds will be used by ASTOP (Assist Survivors/Treatment/Outreach/Prevention) Sexual Abuse Center to address two barriers that were identified in focus groups held in 2000-2001 that keep sexual assault survivors from accessing core services in Fond du Lac County. They are a) lack of awareness and access to resources and services concerning the issues surrounding sexual violence and b) the lack of continuity of support with an advocate throughout the process of healing as victims move through the systems they are involved in.

The Women's Community, Inc: Marathon County $56,505
Funds will be used by The Women's Community, Inc. to provide ongoing support and services to Hmong victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, by providing bi-lingual/bi-cultural staff to meet the unique and specific needs of the Hmong. The project will work with Hmong victims in a variety of ways depending on the needs, providing support through the criminal justice system if being utilized or through the traditional Clan structure system, if that is being utilized.

The Healing Center: Milwaukee County $71,000
VAWA funds will be used to provide trauma-informed, survivor-centered services to 700 underserved survivors and empower survivors to self-advocate and raise their voices about the needs of underserved survivors in the community.

Latina Resource Center, UMOS Inc.: Milwaukee County $44,753
Proyecto Soluciones will provide immediate crisis response services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The project will support a Bilingual Intake Specialist that will receive crisis calls,

emergency walk-ins to the center, conduct a comprehensive intake process that will include danger assessments, safety planning, access resources -- such as shelter, public benefits, restraining orders -- and provide legal rights information to Spanish-speaking victims. The Bilingual Intake Specialist will assign victims to an LRC advocate for case management, domestic violence advocacy and sexual assault advocacy and/or will be referred to onsite services such as survivor support groups, children services, youth services and VAWA Immigration legal services.

Sojourner Family Peace Center: Milwaukee County $54,120
VAWA funds will support an advocate to work in The Community Domestic Abuse Advocacy Program (CDAAP), a partnership between the Sojourner Family Peace Center, the Milwaukee Police Department, and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Established in 2007, the program's goals are to: (a) assist victims of domestic violence through advocacy and support services; (b) increase issuance of charges and convictions for offenders.

Northwoods Women, Inc./ New Day Shelter: Ashland County $44,973
Northwoods Women, Inc.,d.b.a. New Day Shelter, will use STOP VAWA Victim Services Grant to continue its expansion and enhancement project. The broad goal of the project for the 2013-2015 grant period is to continue to provide enhanced recovery services to an expanded number of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are traditionally underserved (Native Americans, elderly people, people with disabilities, people who live in rural areas and those who self-identify as LGBTQ).

Association for the Prevention of Family Violence: $46,752
Funds will be used by The Association for the Prevention of Family Violence for a Bilingual/Bicultural Victim Advocate Specialist Program to meet the immediate safety, physical and legal advocacy needs of Hispanic female adult and teen victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in Walworth County.

Wisconsin Rapids Family Center, Inc.: $64,402
Funds from this grant will be used by The Family Center to sustain and expand the current trauma-informed services provided to victims of varied sexual orientation, race, and cultural/ethnic backgrounds, focusing on the Hmong population. The Hmong Services Coordinator (HSC) and Hmong Youth Specialist (HYS) will work with the Program Manager (PM) to ensure the safety of Hmong women and children by educating the Hmong community about domestic abuse and sexual assault

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