

Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services
VAWA SASP Targeted Culturally Specific Population Services 2015
Frequently Asked Questions

Please refer to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) [OVW SASP Formula Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.
The OVW SASP FAQs can be found here:
http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/pages/attachments/2014/10/07/sasp-faq_final.pdf

What type of organization will qualify to apply for the VAWA SASP Targeted Culturally Specific Population Services grant?

An organization is eligible if it is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization 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, dating 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;

The organization must do more than merely provide services to the targeted group; the organization must provide culturally competent services designed to meet the specific needs of the target population.

We currently have a part-time sexual assault advocate. Can we apply for SASP funds to bring this position to full time if the additional time is spent working with a culturally specific population?

It is not sufficient to tack on culturally specific service provision to an existing sexual assault advocate. As mentioned above, you must do more than merely provide services to the targeted group; you must provide culturally competent services designed to meet the specific needs of the target population. If the advocate is already providing culturally specific services, you could use SASP funds to bring that position to full time.

Can the funds be used for sexual assault/abuse training and education for law enforcement, DA's, tribal attorneys and tribal court personnel?

No. SASP funds must be used for direct services. SASP funds may be used to train program staff (volunteer or employee) who will provide specific grant-funded victim services but may not be used to provide a generalized training. (See the OVW SASP FAQs for more information)

Can it be used for the review and development of Tribal Sexual Assault Code/s?

No. SASP funds must be used for direct services.