



Victim Services Funding Act 2023 Wis. Act 241



Wisconsin Department of Justice








Office of Crime Victim Services Victim Services Funding Act (2023 Wis. Act 241)

Presenters:

Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS)

Department of Children & Families (DCF)

Agenda

-  Overview of 2023 Wis. Act 241
-  165.93 State Statute & Eligibility
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-  165.96 State Statute & Eligibility
-  Administration of Funds
-  Partnership Opportunities
-  Questions

2023 Wis. Act 241 Victim Services Funding Act



2023 Wis. Act 241 Overview

- (1)SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS. Of the moneys appropriated under s. 20.455 (5) (c), in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium the department of justice shall allocate \$6,400,000 to provide sexual assault victim services grants under s. 165.93 (2).
- (2)DOMESTIC ABUSE GRANTS. Of the moneys appropriated under s. 20.455 (5) (c), in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium the department of justice shall allocate \$2,400,000 to provide domestic abuse grants under s. 49.165.
- (3)CHILD ADVOCACY GRANTS. Of the moneys appropriated under s. 20.455 (5) (c), in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium the department of justice shall allocate \$1,200,000 to provide child advocacy grants under s. 165.96

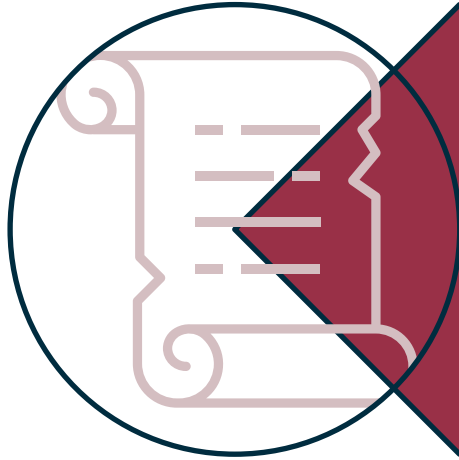
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/related/acts/241>

State Statute 165.93

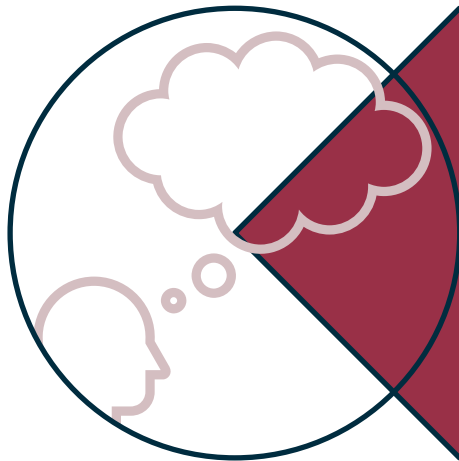
Sexual Assault Victim Services Grants (SAVS)



165.93 Sexual Assault Victim Services Grants



Nonprofit or public victim services agency (can subcontract or subaward with other orgs and individuals)

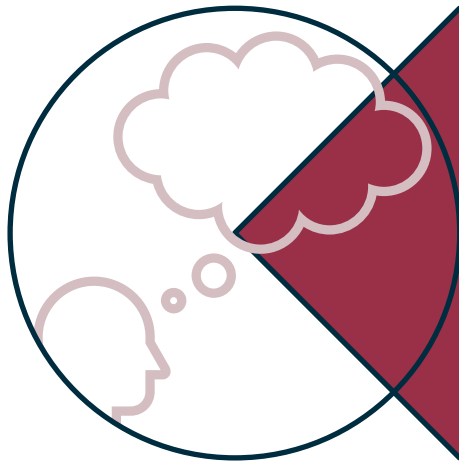


Provides OR proposes to provide:
Advocacy, Counseling/Therapy,
24/7 Crisis Hotline,
Professional/Community
Education, Accessible Services

Eligible Costs/Services



Eligible Costs: Personnel, Employee Benefits, Travel, Staff Development, Supplies & Operating Expenses, Indirect, Other



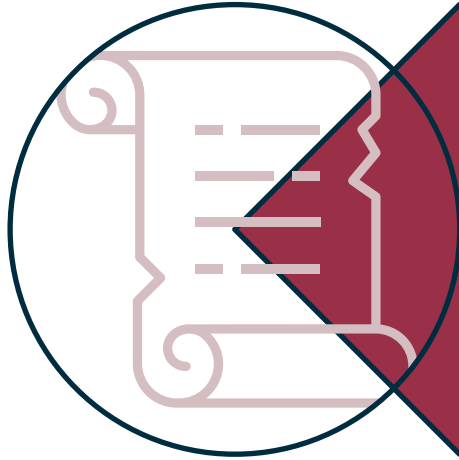
Service Examples: prevention efforts, training & travel, emergency assistance, other justifiable needs for sexual assault survivors

State Statute 49.165

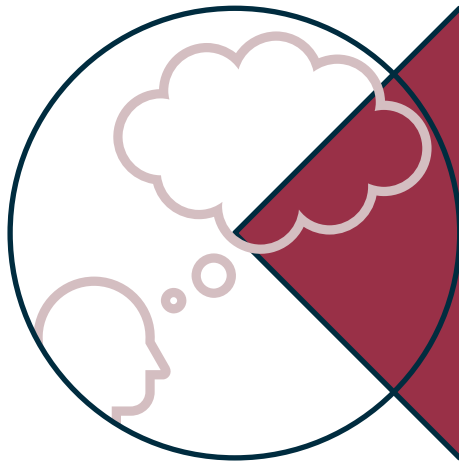
Domestic Abuse Grants



49.165 Domestic Abuse Grants



Nonprofit or public agency
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individuals)



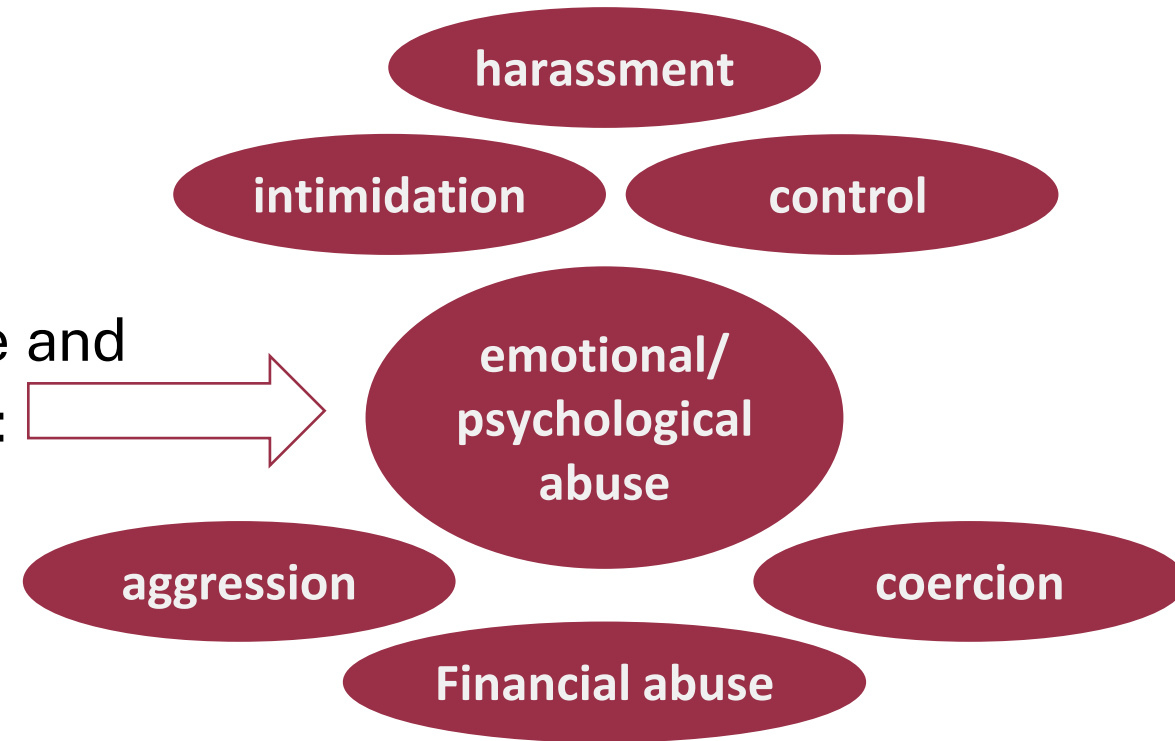
Provides OR proposes to
provide shelter, advocacy and
counseling for victims, 24-
hour telephone service, and/or
community education

Eligible Costs/Services

Definition eCFR 45 1370.2

Domestic violence means:

- felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence and
- criminal or non-criminal acts constituting:

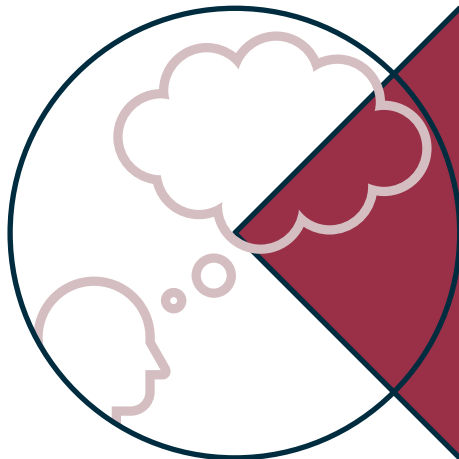


This definition is not intended to be interpreted more restrictively than FVPSA and VAWA but rather to be inclusive of other, more expansive definitions. The definition applies to individuals and relationships regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity

Eligible Costs/Services



Eligible Costs: Salaries, Benefits/Fringe, Travel/Training, Consultant/Contractual, Equipment, Supplies, Other



Service Examples: Staff time, advocate training costs, office supplies. Emergency assistance: hotel vouchers, gas cards, security deposits, utility bill

Unallowable Costs Under 49.165

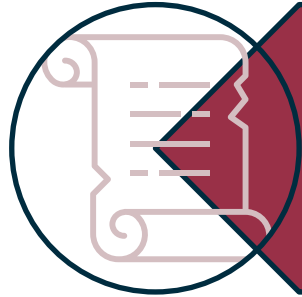


- Direct cash payments to victims/survivors.
- Provision of abuser treatment or intervention services.
- Car payments or mortgage payments (any payment that is paying down a capital debt).
- Services other than those specifically for domestic abuse victims/survivors and their families.

State Statute 165.96 Child Advocacy Grants



165.96 Child Advocacy Grants

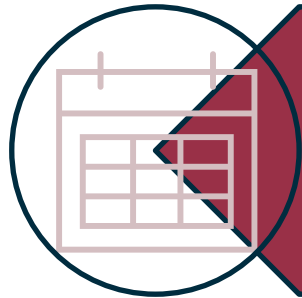


Eligible agencies outlined in state statute

15 Child Advocacy Centers



Funding bill increased funds to 15 CACs from \$17,000 annually to \$97,000 for 1 year

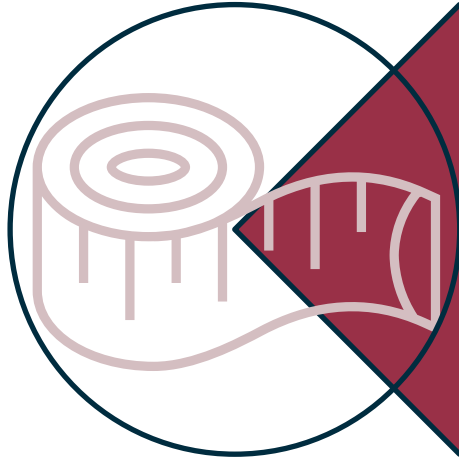


Increase end date 6/30/2025

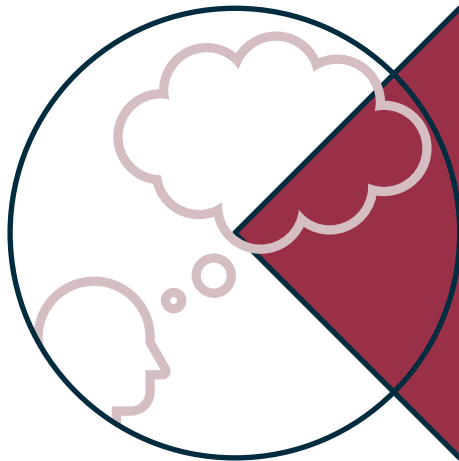
CAC Passthrough Eligible Agencies

- (1)** Care House in Rock County.
- (2)** Child Protection Center in Milwaukee County.
- (3)** Safe Harbor in Dane County.
- (4)** Kenosha Child Advocacy Center in Kenosha County.
- (5)** Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center in Winnebago County.
- (6)** Stepping Stones in La Crosse County.
- (7)** CARE Center in Waukesha County.
- (8)** Child Advocacy Center of Northeastern Wisconsin in Marathon County.
- (9)** Chippewa County Child Advocacy Center in Chippewa County.
- (10)** A child advocacy center in Brown County.
- (11)** A child advocacy center in Racine County.
- (12)** A child advocacy center in Walworth County.
- (13)** CHAT Room in Green County.
- (14)** Marshfield Child Advocacy Center in Wood County.
- (15)** Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center in Ozaukee County.

165.96 Child Advocacy Grants



Funding supports Medical Advice, Quality Assurance, Education, Training



Service Examples: peer review, supervision, medical consultation, attendance & conducting of training

Administration of Funds



2023 Wis. Act 241 & VOCA

2023 Wis. Act
241 Impact

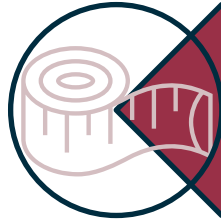
2024-2025
VOCA Grant
Cycle

VOCA Award
Amounts

Future VOCA
Funding

2023 Wis. Act 241 funding is not a replacement for
VOCA federal funds

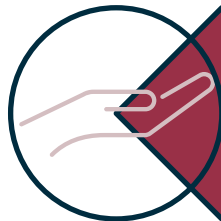
Administration



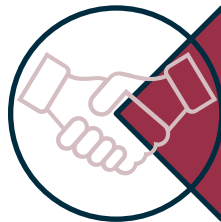
Honor Intention of Bill



Streamline Application Process



Start & End Dates
(Sunset 6/30/2025)

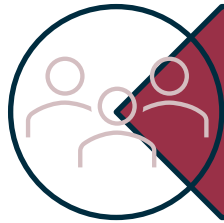


Offer Support & Transparency

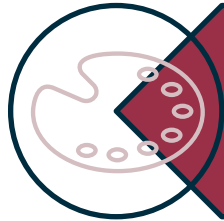
Partnership Opportunities



Our Partnership



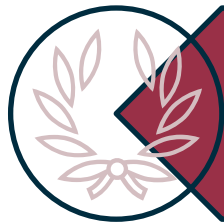
Opportunity to Work Together



Be Creative



Focus on Goals & End Date
6/30/2025



Prioritize Victim & Survivor Needs





Thank You!