

## VAWA STOP Victim Services Competitive 2018 FAQs

**1. Can we apply for STOP if we already have SASP?**

Yes. Other OCVS funding – SASP, VOCA, SAVS – does not prohibit you from applying for STOP victim services funding.

**2. Can staff be moved from current SASP grant to STOP grant so that they can work on more than just sexual assault services?**

If you have a current SASP funded program and would like to move/shift that program to STOP, there is nothing to stop you from including that in your application. There is no guarantee however that it will be funded through STOP.

**3. Are joint applications allowed?**

For each subgrant there must be one agency that takes fiscal responsibility for the grant; fiscal and reporting responsibility cannot be shared between two agencies. Programs can develop and work on a program together by the primary program subcontracting with another agency.

**4. Can an application include a contract with another program to provide specific services, even if that program is submitting their own STOP application for a different project?**

Yes.

**5. Can the STOP Victim Services program fund batterer's treatment?**

Yes. Batterers' intervention programs may be supported provided that the programs are part of a graduated range of sanctions that use the coercive power of the criminal justice system to hold abusers accountable for their criminal actions and for changing their behavior. However, couples counseling or any intervention that requires participation by a victim or that is not designed to hold offenders accountable for their violent behavior cannot be supported with STOP dollars. (OVW STOP FAQs)

**6. Can the STOP Victim Services program fund DV Court?**

Technically, STOP can be used for certain aspects of domestic violence court, but not through the Victim Services Program Area.

**7. Can STOP funds be used to pay for interpreters/interpretation services for offenders?**

Yes. For example, you can use STOP funds to pay for interpreters for law enforcement to speak with offenders.

- 8. If we write SAVS and the decision is made that we asked for too much money, will DOJ suggest changes or will we just not get the grant? I'm just wondering because we were told that after this year, VAWA was going to be for new projects, so we needed to put more of our VAWA project in SAVS.**

We will suggest changes and work with you to modify the budget. Applications are not rejected because the budget is too high.

- 9. Can VAWA STOP funds be used for adolescents coming out of detention facilities that have some type of offender charges (or they wouldn't be there) but are still victims of prior or current abuse?**

STOP can be used to provide sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, trafficking, and stalking services to adolescents regardless of their incarceration status or criminal justice history.

- 10. Can STOP funds support an advocate position that works with parents, caregivers, and kin who are caring for kids at risk for being trafficked or running away, so that the youth can stay in a home environment?**

No. This is out of scope for this program. You might look at funding from OJJDP and see if they have something that would cover this.

- 11. Can STOP be used to contract legal services, such as an attorney?**

Yes, as long as they are providing services to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and/or human trafficking. See question 1 on page 4 of the OVW STOP FAQs for more information on requirements for STOP funded legal services:

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/827531/download>

- 12. Can STOP funds be subcontracted for multiple agencies (law enforcement, advocacy, court) to offer interpretation services to victims?**

Yes, you can include multiple subcontracts in your proposal. If your proposal includes services to non-English speaking survivors, it is critical to address how services will be provided in the appropriate language.

- 13. Should we submit any Letters of Support and/or MOU's?**

Letters of Support are not required. If you have an existing MOU, you may attach it to your application in the Required Attachment section.

- 14. Are there any other documents that should be submitted outside of what's listed in the required attachments (i.e. letters of support aren't listed there)?**

No. With the exception of existing MOUs, please do not attach any additional documents to your application.

**15. What common equipment are STOP funds used for?**

STOP has not funded equipment for many years.

**16. Approximately how many grants are you expecting to divide the \$600,000?**

It will depend on the number of applications and budget amounts proposed. Review panels will determine which projects should receive funding and at what level.

**17. What is a typical grant amount?**

That is hard to answer. Currently, the ranges of STOP Victim Services subgrants are from \$33,000-\$74,000.

**18. Is prevention only 5% of the \$600,000?**

Wisconsin is able to spend up to 5% of the total STOP Formula Grant on prevention activities.

**19. Does having a current STOP grant either help or hurt chances of getting a grant in this competitive round? Can the project be similar if it's working well and bringing in a large number of an under-represented population?**

A current STOP grant does not help or hurt. The criteria for this competitive funding cycle are clearly detailed on pages 2-4 of the funding announcement. Whether you have an existing STOP grant or not, please be very clear and detailed in your application narrative. Describe how your project meets the Priority Areas and Essential Program Activities.

**20. What is outreach vs. prevention education?**

Outreach includes activities that inform survivors and the community about services and resources your program can provide. Prevention education is geared towards discussing the root cause of gender based violence and how it can be changed and stopped.

**21. Are youth 25 years and younger considered to be a population specific population?**

Yes.

**22. Realizing that new programs are priority, is there a possibility that existing programs/services will be funded?**

The focus is on new, innovative services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. This could be an opportunity to take a look at existing programs and bring fresh innovation to these services.

**23. I noticed there are no current or past awards to legal service providers directly. Is this because there is a preference that the services be subgranted?**

There is no preference for legal services to be subcontracted. Legal services can apply directly for STOP funds as long as they are providing services to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and/or human trafficking. See question 1 on page 4 of the OVW STOP FAQs for more information on requirements for STOP funded legal services: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/827531/download>

You will find more information about what is allowable under the STOP Formula Grant Program in the **OVW Frequently Asked Questions About STOP Formula Grants**:

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/827531/download>