

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was designed to improve the criminal justice responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to increase the availability of services for victims of these crimes. The Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) administers two VAWA formula grants from the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women: the **STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant** and the **Sexual Assault Service Formula Program (SASP)**.

The **STOP VAWA** formula grants are awarded to states and territories to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to gender based violence and to support and enhance services for survivors. Wisconsin's STOP grant is categorized into nine program areas:

1. Justice Systems Training

- a. Law Enforcement Training: Develop and provide training for law enforcement officers in the areas of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking with topics including crime and victim dynamics, investigation, documentation and reporting.
- b. Judicial Systems Training: Develop and provide statewide training for judges and court personnel in the areas of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking.

2. Health Care Education

Develop a sustainable network of sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) and SANE programs; provide basic and advanced training to SANEs; and provide technical assistance and support to existing SANE programs in Wisconsin.

3. Coordinated Community Response (CCR) and Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)

Establish, enhance, or expand collaborative multidisciplinary teams designed to build a comprehensive, victim centered, response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking.

4. Specialized Enforcement

Develop collaborative law enforcement best practice responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking.

5. Specialized Prosecution

The Regional Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutors model was developed to ensure a statewide prosecution response to cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking that supports victims and holds offenders accountable.

6. Victim Services

Provide services in a culturally competent manner to victims of varied sexual orientation, race, gender, ability, and cultural/ethnic backgrounds and advance the recovery of survivors.

7. Local Program Technical Assistance

Strengthen the ability of communities to effectively address the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking by supporting technical assistance to non-governmental agencies in the areas of planning, development, implementation and assessment of programs and services.

8. Demonstration Projects

Demonstration projects that focus on developing services, policies, and procedures for assisting victims from high priority populations or problem areas involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking.

9. Assessment, Evaluation, and Planning

Foster collaboration on all levels of policy planning and protocol development designed to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking throughout Wisconsin.

The **SASP formula grants** are awarded to states and territories to help support rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to survivors of sexual assault. SASP funds are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault in Wisconsin.