

# VOCA STOP Victim Services Competitive 2023:

Frequently Asked Questions \*Updated 11/8/22

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## VAWA STOP Victim Services Awards

### 1. Does WI DOJ OCVS have an idea of how many subgrants will be awarded?

A: We anticipate up to 10 subawards (which is subject to change based on the competitive review process). It may be helpful to review the current subawards that VAWA STOP Victim Services supports to understand subaward amounts. Current awards are posted on the VAWA webpage:

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/sites/default/files/ocvs/VAWA%20STOP%20and%20SASP%20Subgrantees%202022.pdf>

### 2. What is the typical/median award for VAWA STOP Victim Services subgrants and is there any guidance on funding limit?

A: The average award amount of current VAWA STOP Victim Services subgrant is approximately \$51,000.

### 3. Are salaries for existing staff allowable under the subgrant guidelines?

A: Grant funds should be used to support new and innovative or expanded services rather than replace or supplant existing funding.

## VAWA STOP Eligible Victim Services

### 1. Is sex trafficking included under the term “sexual assault” and work serving survivors of sex trafficking is covered under this grant?

A: VAWA STOP funds can be used for services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Survivors and victims of human trafficking that are also victims of sexual assault (i.e. victims of sex trafficking) are eligible to receive services through this grant.

### 2. Can the VAWA STOP Victim Services funds be used to support prosecution?

A: No, VAWA STOP Victim Services applications and services should be focused on addressing needs of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence. Funds can be used to support a limited portion of prevention activities. Funds can also be used to support survivors of human trafficking and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Relatives when there is overlap with sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence.

## Application Components

### Match

#### **1. Do Wisconsin Tribal Nation's fall under the waived 25% match requirement?**

A: Correct, per the match exemption under VAWA 2005 (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(1)), the state cannot require matching funds for a grant or subgrant for **any tribe**, territory, or victim service provider, regardless of funding allocation category.

### OCVS Personnel Budget Summary

#### **2. For the purpose of this application, is it necessary to list each of our 290 staff members, regardless of job function (i.e., victim services, prosecution, etc.) and funding source?**

A: For victim service applicants that may be part of a larger entity or umbrella organization, please list only staff providing victim services in the OCVS Personnel Budget Summary.

### Required Attachments

#### **3. Will OCVS accept applications without completed consultant agreements?**

A: OCVS will accept applications without completed consultant checklists as the checklists are not scored as part of the competitive application. If the application is recommended for funding, OCVS will work with agencies at that time.

## Policy Requirements

#### **1. Successful applicants who receive VAWA STOP Victim Services subawards should have policies in place that address workplace related incidents of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, and dating violence.**

Agencies that receive VAWA funds are required to have a policy in place that addresses workplace-related incidents of sexual misconduct, domestic violence and dating violence involving an employee, volunteer, consultant, or contractor.

#### Resources:

- Additional information and guidance on the scope and elements needed in the policy can be found on the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) website: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1295756/download>.
- OVW also recorded a webinar that goes into detail about how subgrantees can meet this requirement. The recording can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUC6vhvZNRM>.

#### **2. Successful applicants who receive VAWA STOP Victim Services subawards should have policies in place to determine suitability for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors.**

Agencies that receive VAWA funds are required to have a policy and procedure in place that determines suitability for employees, volunteers, contractors, or other covered individuals to interact with participating minors.

#### Resources:

- Additional information and guidance on the federal special condition can be found on the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) website: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1202141/download>

- Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) has additional guidance and links on this special condition which can be found here:  
<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/sites/default/files/ocvs/OCVSGuidanceWorkWithMinorsUpdateJan2021.pdf>
- The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault has extensive resources, including example policies and forms, best practices, and training opportunities, on their website:  
<https://www.wcasa.org/resources/areas-of-interest/prevention/child-sexual-abuse-prevention/>