

# Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)



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# Objectives

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- Overview
- Funding Priorities
- Grant Programs
  - Discretionary
  - Formula
- How to Apply



# Office on Violence Against Women

Provide federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for, and strengthen services to, victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Created in 1995 to implement the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation.

In FY 22, OVW administered 19 grant programs – 4 formula and 15 discretionary.

Awarded over \$10 billion in grants

In FY 23, awarded 800+ awards totaling more than \$627 million

Serve hundreds of thousands of victims each year



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# R&E, TTA and Special Initiatives

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Support beyond our usual grant  
funding

**Research and Evaluation**

**Training and Technical Assistance**

**Special Initiatives**



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# Office Wide Priorities and Goals

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Advance equity and tribal sovereignty

Increase access to justice for all survivors

Address sexual assault in a more  
meaningful way

Expand economic justice and financial  
advocacy for survivors



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# OVW Grant Programs

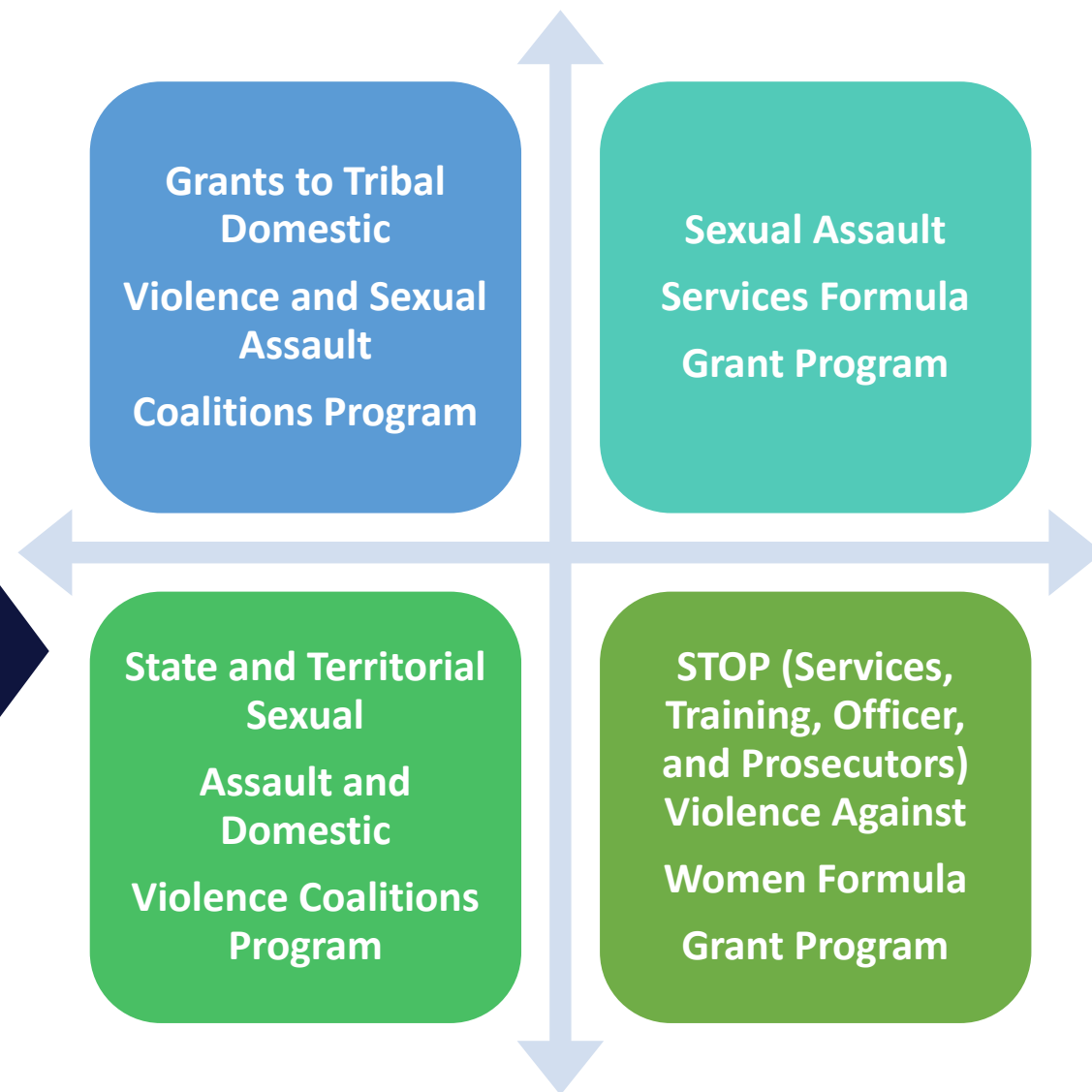
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# OVW

## Formula Grant Programs



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# VAWA Discretionary Grants

Abuse in Later Life	Campus	Children and Youth & Engaging Men	Culturally Specific Services	Disability
Improving Criminal Justice Responses	Justice For Families	Legal Assistance for Victims	Rural	Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific
Transitional Housing	Tribal Governments	Tribal Jurisdiction	Tribal Sexual Assault Services	Underserved





# Examples of Grant Recipients – non-inclusive

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States &  
Territories

Local/Tribal  
Governments

Courts

Non-Profit,  
Victim Services  
Organizations

Community-  
Based  
Organizations

Institutions of  
Higher  
Education



# Examples of Funded Activities – non-inclusive

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Direct  
services

Legal  
assistance

Training

Crisis  
intervention

Prevention  
education

Transitional  
housing

Law  
enforcement

Court  
improvement



# Legal Assistance for Victims Program (LAV)

In 2023, the LAV Program awarded more than \$39.6 million to 55 organizations.

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## Funding

Will be used to provide victims with access to appropriately trained legal representation. LAV supports the provision of comprehensive legal services.

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## Eligible Applicants

- Private nonprofit entities.
- Indian tribal governments, including tribal consortia.
- Tribal organizations. Territorial organizations.
- Publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity, such as law schools.

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## Priority Areas

Priority consideration will be given to applications for which the lead applicant is a culturally specific organization.



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# Transitional Housing

In 2023, the Transitional Housing Program awarded more than \$43.1 million to 81 organizations.

## Funding

Will be used to provide victims with access to transitional housing for 6-24 months, follow-up supportive services for 3-12 months after exit, limited legal financial assistance, and voluntary support services for 6-24 months

## Eligible Applicants

- States and units of local government
- Indian tribal governments and organizations
- nonprofit organizations
- domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions
- other victim service providers

## Priority Areas

Priority consideration will be given to projects serving underserved populations.



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# How to Apply

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# Where to Start

Before you even write  
one word or add two  
digits...

- Register –
  - SAM.gov
  - Grants.gov
  - JustGrants ([www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov](http://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov))
- Connect with partners
- Fully understand
  - Program Purpose Areas
  - Eligibility Requirements
  - Program Requirements
  - Application Requirements
- Sign up for email notifications
  - [www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations)
- OVW How to Apply Resources
  - [www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply)



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