



# Fact Sheet

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## Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

### Program Information:

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), 42 U.S.C. §14043g, and is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.

SASP directs grant dollars to support rape crisis centers that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. Funds provided through the SASP Formula Grant Program are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault on the State level. Rape crisis centers play a vital role in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and other social support systems.

### Eligibility:

Non-profit, non-governmental Rape Crisis Centers\*  
Governmental Rape Crisis Centers\*

\* Maryland's Certified Rape Crisis Centers are identified through the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)

Match: Not Required

*Note: All funding is contingent upon the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention receiving the specified grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.*

### Supported Programs:

- Direct Intervention
- Advocacy
- Accompaniment including:
  - courts
  - medical facilities
  - police departments
- Support Services
- Court Advocate
- Sexual Assault Victims' Services
- Assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault
- Assistance for family and household members of victims and those collaterally affected by sexual assault

### ***Important Dates for SASP Grants***

<b>January</b>	NOFA posting	<b>February</b>	Hard copy applications due
<b>February</b>	Electronic applications due	<b>April 1</b>	Program start date

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Technical Assistance Videos are available at <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/>

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