



## STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

### Program Information:

The primary purpose of the VAWA program is to support a multifaceted approach to responding to violence against women. By forging partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders and others, GOCCP grants help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was reauthorized and amended the STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program (CFDA# 16.588). The program statutorily requires the allocation of 25% to law enforcement, 25% to prosecution, 30% to nonprofit, non-governmental victim services, 15% may be allocated at the State's discretion, and 5% to courts. Furthermore, per the VAWA 2005 Reauthorization changes, linguistically and culturally specific community-based organizations must receive an allotment of 10% of the victim service allocation. Finally, Under VAWA 2013, 20% of the total funds allocated across two or more allocations (excluding discretionary) must meaningfully address sexual assault, including stranger rape, acquaintance rape, alcohol or drug-facilitated rape, and rape within the context of an intimate partner relationship.

### Eligibility:

- State Government Agencies
- State and Local Courts
- Local Government Agencies Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Victim Services Programs including Faith-Based and Community Organizations
- State Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Coalitions

Match: 25% of the total project cost for most sub-recipients

*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:

- Forensic Nurse Examiner
- Lethality Assessment
- Bilingual Crisis Advocate
- Protection Order Advocacy and Representation Project
- Special Victims' Advocate
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services
- Court Advocate
- Sexual Assault Victims' Services
- Multidisciplinary Response to Sexual Assault
- Trauma-Informed Counseling

### **Important Dates for VAWA Grants**

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

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

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