



Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Fund (SAVAF)

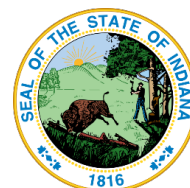
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REQUEST *for* PROPOSAL

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SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND 2024-2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Fund (SAVAF) Grant Program. This grant is being released through the IntelliGrants System. All applications must be submitted online through this system. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

HOW TO APPLY



Applicants must be registered in IntelliGrants in order to access the electronic application.

[Register](#)

or

[Log in](#)

WHEN TO APPLY



Applications must be submitted via IntelliGrants on or before:

11:59 P.M. (ET) on October 25, 2023

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications at least 48 hours prior to the deadline.

AWARD PERIOD



January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the ICJI Helpdesk at CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov. ICJI Helpdesk hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ET, except on state holidays.

ICJI is not responsible for technical issues with grant submission within 48 hours of the grant deadline.



Webinar on the 2024-2025 Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Fund (SAVAF) Grant Program RFP

Date: September 25th, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM (ET)

ICJI's Victim Services Division is conducting a webinar on the 2024 Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Fund (SAVAF) Grant Program request for proposal. The webinar will include a basic overview of the program, important highlights, and what to know before applying. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions from the division. Registration is not required.

The passcode to join is: SASP2024

[Join Here](#)

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OVERVIEW

The Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Fund (SAVAF) was created to (1) establish and maintain rape crisis centers (RCC), (2) enhance services provided by existing rape crisis centers, and (3) develop, implement, and expand trauma informed sexual assault services. SAVAF was established pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-2-6-23 and is funded by the collection of fees assessed under Indiana Code § 33-37-5-23.

PROGRAM SCOPE

Activities supported by this program are determined by statute and Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) policies and procedures. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation and any other applicable laws, rules, policies, and regulations. All grants from ICJI Victim Services are reimbursement grants. Verification of expenses along with verification of payment of expenses must be provided to ICJI on a monthly or quarterly basis prior to reimbursement of expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

Public social service entities, nonprofit organizations, and nongovernmental organizations who provide services to victims of sexual assault may apply for funding. An entity may apply, but will not be eligible for a grant until the entity has prequalified through a series of threshold requirements including:

1. *Unique Entity ID:* A Unique Entity ID (UEI) issued through the System for Award Management (SAM) will be required instead of a DUNS number to receive funding. The UEI is entered in the *Project Information* section of the grant application. For more information and/or to obtain a UEI, please visit the following [website](#).
2. *System for Award Management (SAM) Registration:* To enable ICJI to report subawards in a timely manner, subgrantees are also required to register with the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM is a federally-owned and operated free website, and it is used to reference the information needed to report subaward information to the federal government. When registering, please ensure you do *not* mark your agency as private, which will prohibit ICJI from verifying your registration and ensuring that your agency has an active SAM registration during the entirety of the grant period if funding is awarded. In order to register, you must have a UEI number. Registration can be done by clicking [here](#).
3. Review of the entity's good standing with Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR), Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and Secretary of State (SOS).

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

ICJI has approximately \$6,500,000 available in funding for this two-year grant cycle and estimates awarding 15-20 grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

The applicant should be aware that the award of funding to an applicant in one grant cycle does not guarantee or create a legal obligation to award funding in subsequent grant cycles to an applicant.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Completed applications and all required documentation shall be submitted through IntelliGrants no later than 11:59 pm (ET) on **October 25th, 2023**.

IntelliGrants is an end-to-end solution for the administration of grants. Everything from the grant application, reports, and fiscal drawdowns will occur online within IntelliGrants. Applicants must register in IntelliGrants to apply for funding opportunities. Instructions can be found on the ICJI [website](#).

It is recommended that subgrantees review IntelliGrants training materials before logging in for the first time. The Training Webinar and Subgrantee User Manual are available on the ICJI website and on the training tab in IntelliGrants. ICJI is not responsible for applicants who fail to submit a timely application due to technical difficulties that occur within 48 hours of the deadline.

The submitted application budget will need to reflect Year 1 and Year 2 of funding on every expense. Funds designated under Year 1 must be spent in Year 1 and will not be available in Year 2. The same is true of Year 2. Funds designated under Year 2 will not be available in Year 1. During any Project Modification Request, funds will not be able to be moved between years.

AWARD PERIOD

The award period for this grant shall be January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025. Projects should begin on January 1, 2024, and must be in operation no later than sixty (60) days after this date. Failure to have the funded project operational within sixty (60) days from January 1, 2024, will result in termination of the grant and the de-obligation of all awarded funds.

All projects must conclude, and all funding obligations must be made no later than December 31, 2025. All outstanding expenses must be paid, and the final fiscal report must be submitted via IntelliGrants within thirty (30) days of December 31, 2025. Proof of payment for all expenses must be provided with the final fiscal report. Any expenses that have not been paid within thirty (30) days after December 31, 2025, will not be reimbursed. Late fiscal and programmatic reports will not be accepted.

PRIORITY AREAS

The priority area of funding is to establish and maintain rape crisis centers that are providing trauma informed sexual assault services and are meeting the components of a rape crisis center.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this solicitation, please be cognizant of the following definitions:

- “Rape crisis center” means an organization that provides a full continuum of services, including hotlines, victim advocacy, and support services from the onset of the need for services through the completion of healing, to victims of sexual assault. Core components of a rape crisis center include the following:
- *24-Hour Rape Crisis Hotline*: A telephone service available on a 24-hour basis to connect victim/secondary victims of sexual violence to a trained advocate.
- *24 hour On-Call Advocate* who will go on-site to the hospital for victims of sexual assault: An immediately available 24-hour personal response provided by a trained advocate with the goal of helping victims/secondary victims navigate the medical/healthcare system by ensuring that they receive appropriate and accurate information and resources to make decisions about their healthcare needs.
- *Criminal Justice/Legal Advocacy* for victims of sexual assault: Individuals acting on behalf of and in support of the victim/secondary victim navigating the legal system by ensuring that the victim’s questions are answered, interests are represented, and rights are upheld. This includes attending court with the victim for support if requested by the victim, attending meetings/appointments, etc.
- *Information and Referrals* for victims of sexual assault: Providing timely, relevant contact information to a victim/secondary victim for community resources that address the need(s) of the victims that your agency is not equipped to effectively address, which may include professional therapy, legal services, or services indirectly related to sexual violence.
- *System Coordination, Collaboration, and Case Management* for victims of sexual assault: Developing and maintaining professional partnerships with service providers, organizations, and groups in the community that serve or otherwise impact victims. Partnerships may be formal or informal and are necessary to ensure a victim’s access to a variety of both core and enhanced services available in the community.
- *Community Awareness and Outreach* for sexual assault: Providing accurate information about sexual violence and individual, organizational, and societal strategies that promote the elimination of sexual violence in the community; and ensuring the community is aware of your agency, its services, and how to access those services.
- *Support Groups* for victims of sexual assault: Victim and/or secondary victims meeting in a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment on a regularly scheduled basis to share information, relate personal experiences, share coping strategies and techniques for problem solving, listen to and accept others’ experiences and feelings resulting from sexual violence victimization, and provide support through the healing process.
- *Professional Counseling or Therapy* for victims of sexual assault (recommended and encouraged but may be referred out): A professional relationship between a qualified, licensed professional and a client (individual, family, or group) that utilizes therapeutic modalities to aid in the healing process.
- *Prevention Education* (recommended and encouraged): Culturally appropriate, structured activities/strategies implemented in a variety of settings that promote primary prevention and address the root causes of sexual violence.

- *Trauma Informed Sexual Assault Services:* Victim centered care, acute medical care, or forensic medical services that address the physical, psychological, and emotional needs of sexual assault victims for the duration of their life span. Trauma informed sexual assault services address the physical, psychological, and emotional needs of sexual assault victims for the duration of their lifespan.
- *Victim Advocacy:* The practice of supporting and assisting a victim to define needs, explore options, and ensure rights are respected within any system with which the victim interacts.

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

Allowable activities and costs are those that support the operations and services delivered to victims of sexual assault statewide. These activities include:

- 24-hour crisis line and 24-hour on-call advocate to respond onsite to hospitals and other locations where a victim presents.
- Direct services to victims including informational and referral services, advocacy, legal advocacy, and case management.
- Counseling or therapy services for victims including support groups.
- Emergency flexible funding for victims including, but not limited to, emergency transportation, shelter, clothing, and food. *Note: Funds may not be used as a direct payment to any victim, thus the sexual assault program would have to pay the cost directly to a third-party vendor. Subrecipients should have an established policy in place to make these funds available to all program participants; to ensure these funds meet a reasonable, basic need.*
- Expenses associated with providing services to victims including travel, phones, interpretation, equipment, printing of materials, and training costs.
- Overtime for grant funded staff is an allowable cost, but to claim the increased rate, there must be a separate line item in the budget that includes the overtime rate of pay.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Administrative costs are an allowable expense but are limited to 10% of the total grant funded budget. Administrative costs include time to complete SAVAF required time and attendance sheets and programmatic documentation, reports, and required statistics; and administrative time to collect and maintain satisfaction surveys and needs assessments used to improve services delivery within the SAVAF funded project.

INELIGIBLE BUDGET ITEMS

The following budget items listed below are ineligible and will not be supported by this program's funding:

- Direct financial assistance to a client such as cash or gift cards.
- Food and beverages except emergency food and beverage for victims.
- Lobbying.
- Fundraising (including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions) and time spent procuring funding including completing federal and state funding applications.
- Purchase of real estate.
- Construction and physical modification to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).
- Purchase of vehicles.
- Indirect cost rate and/or de minimis rate.

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION

1. *Total Agency Budget:* If the applicant agency is a nonprofit organization or nongovernmental entity, please complete and upload a “Subgrantee Basic Budget (nonprofit Applicant budget form)”. Be sure to complete both the Organizational tab and the Employee tab. The form can be found on the ICJI website [here](#). *This does not apply to units of government.*
2. *Indirect Cost Rate and/or de minimis rate is an unallowable expense on SAVAF.*
3. *Sustainability Plan:* Please attach a document detailing the applicant’s plan to maintain the program once the grant fund period expires.
4. *Timeline:* Please attach a timeline for the completion of the project and/or expenditure of the grant funds.
5. *Letters of Endorsement:* Please attach at least one letter of endorsement evidencing community support for the applicant’s SAVAF program.
6. Miscellaneous
 - A. Completed and signed [EEO certification](#).
 - B. If applying for funds for personnel costs, attach the relevant job descriptions.
 - C. If applicable, attach other requested information.

TRAVEL COSTS

Expenses and reimbursements for in state and out of state travel must follow the most current Indiana Department of Administration [State Travel Policy](#) or the subrecipient's travel policy, whichever is more restrictive. [Learn More](#)

PROGRAM COSTS

In order to be eligible for reimbursement, program costs must meet the following criteria:

1. Costs must be necessary and reasonable for the stated purpose of the grant.
2. Costs must be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. [Learn more.](#)
3. Costs must be consistent with policies and procedures of the SAVAF grant program and applied uniformly.
4. Costs must be adequately documented with supporting materials including receipts, invoices, timesheets, paystubs, etc. ICJI supporting documentation policy can be found [here](#).

APPLICATION REVIEW

ICJI will review and score all grant applications as part of the competitive application process, and will assess the following criteria:

- The completeness of the grant application;
- Whether the grant application is within the purpose areas of the funding;
- The applicant's eligibility;
- Whether the grant application, the applicant, and the project are in compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules;
- Whether the proposed expenditures set forth in the project budget are allowable and allocable;
- Any potential conflicts of interest;
- Whether the applicant has any federal and/or state debt delinquency;
- The applicant's ability to successfully pass clearance checks from the Department of Revenue (DOR), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and Secretary of State (SOS).
- Any and all risk associated with granting funds to the applicant;

- Whether the applicant is debarred or suspended by any federal or state department or agency; and
- Whether the applicant maintains a current registration in SAM and has an active UEI number.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

All applicants awarded funding from ICJI must agree to:

1. Enter into a Grant Agreement between ICJI and the applicant agency and agree to abide by all provisions of the Grant Agreement.
2. Enter into agreement to abide by all Special Conditions detailed in the Certified Assurances and Special Conditions.
3. Submit all reports in the prescribed format and time frames determined by ICJI.

MONITORING

All grant awards will be monitored by an ICJI Grant Manager and/or ICJI Compliance Monitoring team using a combination of desk reviews and site visits. Additionally, the Grant Manager will review all submitted reports for timeliness and accuracy. Delinquencies and report contents will be addressed as needed by ICJI staff. Late and repeated incorrect reports could disqualify subrecipients from future funding.

AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

A uniform requirement of all CJJ funding includes:

1. *Audit required:* A non-federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-federal entity's fiscal year in federal awards must have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of this part.
2. *Single audit:* A non-federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-federal entity's fiscal year in federal awards must have a single audit conducted in accordance with §200.514 Scope of audit except when it elects to have a program-specific audit conducted in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.
3. *Program-specific audit election:* When an entity expends federal awards under only one federal program (excluding research and development) and the federal program's statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the federal award do not require a financial statement audit of the entity, the entity may elect to have a program-specific audit conducted in accordance with §200.507 Program-specific audits. A program-specific audit may not be elected for research and development unless all of the federal awards expended were received from the same federal agency, or the same federal agency and the same pass-through entity, and that federal agency, or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient, approves in advance a program-specific audit.

4. *Exemption when federal awards expended are less than \$750,000:* A non-federal entity that expends less than \$750,000 during the non-federal entity's fiscal year in federal awards is exempt from federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in §200.503 Relation to other audit requirements, but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the federal agency, pass-through entity, and Government Accountability Office (GAO).
5. *Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC):* Management of an entity that owns or operates a FFRDC may elect to treat the FFRDC as a separate entity for purposes of this part.
6. *Subrecipients and Contractors:* An entity may simultaneously be a recipient, a subrecipient, and a contractor. Federal awards expended as a recipient or a subrecipient are subject to audit under this part. The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not federal awards. Section §200.330 Subrecipient and contractor determinations sets forth the considerations in determining whether payments constitute a federal award or a payment for goods or services provided as a contractor.
7. *Compliance responsibility for contractors:* In most cases, the entity's compliance responsibility for contractors is only to ensure that the procurement, receipt, and payment for goods and services comply with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards. Federal award compliance requirements normally do not pass through to contractors. However, the entity is responsible for ensuring compliance for procurement transactions, which are structured such that the contractor is responsible for program compliance or the contractor's records must be reviewed to determine program compliance. Also, when these procurement transactions relate to a major program, the scope of the audit must include determining whether these transactions are in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards.
8. *For-profit subrecipient:* Since this part does not apply to for-profit subrecipients, the pass-through entity is responsible for establishing requirements, as necessary, to ensure compliance by for-profit subrecipients. The agreement with the for-profit subrecipient must describe applicable compliance requirements and the for-profit subrecipient's compliance responsibility. Methods to ensure compliance for federal awards made to for-profit subrecipients may include pre-award audits, monitoring during the agreement, and post-award audits. See also §200.331 Requirements for pass-through entities.

APPENDIX: APPLICABLE LAWS AND MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

I. GENERAL

This award is governed by ICJI polices and directives. All applicants must adhere to all provisions set forth in state statutes, regulations, and rules. Failure to abide by the state mandates may, at the discretion of the State, be considered to be a material breach. The consequences of a material breach include, but are not limited to, to:

- The applicant becoming ineligible for this grant funding opportunity;
- Requiring repayment of any grant funds already received;
- The de-obligation of grant funds; and
- The material breach becoming a factor in the scoring process for future grant applications.

Furthermore, the State shall not reimburse an applicant for expenditures outside the grant period of performance.

All applicants are required to establish and maintain grant accounting systems and financial records to accurately account for funds awarded to them.

The applicant understands and agrees that it cannot use funds from different funding sources for one or more of the identical cost items, in whole or in part. If this scenario presents itself, the applicant must contact the ICJI program manager in writing and refrain from the expenditure, obligation, or draw down of any funds awarded from ICJI concerning the identical cost items.

II. STATE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS

Recipients of grant funds from the State are required to adhere to all state laws concerning the receipt and use of grant funds from federal and state funding sources. Those laws include, but are not limited to, the laws set forth below.

- *State Ethical Requirements:* The applicant and its agents shall abide by all ethical requirements that apply to persons who have a business relationship with the State as set forth in IC §4-2-6, et seq., IC §4-2-7, et seq. and the regulations promulgated thereunder. If the applicant has knowledge, or would have acquired knowledge with reasonable inquiry, that a state officer, employee, or special state appointee, as those terms are defined in IC § 4-2-6-1, has a financial interest in the grant, the applicant shall ensure compliance with the disclosure requirements in IC § 4-2-6-10.5 prior to the execution of this grant. If the applicant is not familiar with these ethical requirements, the applicant should refer any questions to the Indiana State Ethics Commission or visit the Inspector General's [website](#). If the applicant or its agents violate any applicable ethical standards, the State may, in its sole discretion, terminate this grant immediately upon notice to the applicant. In addition, the applicant may be subject to penalties under IC §4-2-6, 4-2-7, 35-44.1-1-4, and under any other applicable laws.
- *Indiana Secretary of State:* Pursuant to Indiana Code Title 23, the applicant must be properly registered and owe no outstanding reports to the Indiana Secretary of State.
- *Telephone Solicitation of Consumers; Automatic Dialing Solicitations:* As required by Indiana Code §5-22-3-7:

(1) the Applicant and any principals of the Applicant certify that
(A) except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations, it has not violated the terms of:
(i) IC §24-4.7 [Telephone Solicitation Of Consumers];
(ii) IC §24-5-12 [Telephone Solicitations]; or
(iii) IC §24-5-14 [Regulation of Automatic Dialing Machines];
in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC § 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and
(B) the Applicant will not violate the terms of IC §24-4.7 for the duration of this Grant Agreement, even if IC §24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.

(2) The Applicant and any principals of the Applicant certify that an affiliate or principal of the Applicant and any agent acting on behalf of the Applicant or on behalf of an affiliate or principal of the Applicant, except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations,
(A) has not violated the terms of IC §24-4.7 in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC §24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and
(B) will not violate the terms of IC §24-4.7 for the duration of the grant agreement even if IC §24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.

- *Drug-Free Workplace Certification:* Applicant hereby covenants and agrees to make a good faith effort to provide and maintain a drug-free workplace as required by Executive Order 90-5, April 12, 1990. Executive Order 90-5 applies to all individuals and private legal entities who receive grants or contracts from state agencies. This clause was modified in 2005 to apply only to contractor's employees within the State of Indiana and cannot be further modified, altered, or changed. Applicant will give written notice to the State within ten (10) days after receiving actual notice that the applicant, or an employee of the applicant in the State of Indiana, has been convicted of a criminal drug violation occurring in the workplace. False certification or violation of the certification may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, suspension of grant payments, termination of the grant and/or debarment of grant opportunities with the State of Indiana for up to three (3) years.

In addition to the provisions of the above paragraphs, if the total amount set forth in this grant agreement is in excess of \$25,000.00, the applicant certifies and agrees that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- A. Publishing and providing to all of its employees a statement notifying them that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; and
- B. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform its employees of (1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; (2) the applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; (3) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and (4) the penalties that may be imposed upon an employee for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace; and
- C. Notifying all employees in the statement required by subparagraph (A) above that as a condition of continued employment the employee will (1) abide by the terms of the statement; and (2) notify the applicant of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction; and

- D. Notifying in writing the State within ten (10) days after receiving notice from an employee under subdivision (C)(2) above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction; and
 - E. Within thirty (30) days after receiving notice under subdivision (C)(2) above of a conviction, imposing the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace: (1) take appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination; or (2) require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
 - F. Making a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through the implementation of subparagraphs (A) through (E) above.
- *Employment Eligibility Verification:* As required by IC §22-5-1.7, the applicant hereby swears or affirms under the penalties of perjury that:
 - A. The applicant has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program;
 - B. The applicant has provided documentation to the State that it has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program;
 - C. The applicant does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien; and the applicant shall require its contractors who perform work under this grant agreement to certify to applicant that the contractor does not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized alien and that the contractor has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program. The applicant shall maintain this certification throughout the duration of the term of a contract with a contractor.
 - D. The State may terminate for default if the applicant fails to cure a breach of this provision no later than thirty (30) days after being notified by the State.
 - *ICJI Policies and Requirements:* Recipients of grant funds from ICJI are required to adhere to all ICJI policies, procedures, and guidelines concerning the receipt and use of grant funds from both federal and state funding sources, including those directives, policies, and guidelines found on ICJI's [website](#).



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