

Request for Funding – July 2026 Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Project Description:

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is now accepting applications for the 2026 Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program. The STOP Grant Program supports local communities (including Indian tribal governments and Alaska Native villages) in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective responses to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault (including adult survivors of child sexual abuse), and stalking. Also included are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are also victims of trafficking and female genital mutilation or cutting, or forced marriage.

This program is authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and 34 U.S.C § 10441 *et seq.*, and is administered through the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). For additional information about this program, click [here](#) or [here](#).

The award period for this grant is **October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027**. All grants from ICJI Victim Services are **reimbursement-based grants**.

Activities supported by this program are determined by state and federal statutes, federal regulations, state and federal executive orders, and ICJI policies and procedures. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation, any applicable special conditions, 2 CFR 200, and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants Financial Guide, including updates to the guide after an award is made.

STOP Implementation Plan 2026-2029:

Every four years, Indiana submits a thorough, strategic, and collaborative implementation plan to address violence against women for the STOP Grant Program. Indiana's STOP Implementation Plan for 2026 through 2029 includes the following goals for projects funded under this award:

- *Goal 1:* Reduce domestic violence-related homicides in the State of Indiana.
- *Goal 2:* Expand access to services for underserved rural populations.
- *Goal 3:* Enhance or develop services addressing victims of sexual violence for meaningful sexual assault services to be provided throughout the State.

Priority Areas:

States and territories are encouraged to develop and support projects, to the extent consistent with the program's authorizing statute, that substantively address one or more of the priorities listed below:

1. Combatting human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration, transnational criminal organizations, and cartel operations, including projects that strengthen law enforcement investigation and prosecution while supporting safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
2. Projects dedicated to direct victim services and/or criminal justice responses—including investigation, arrest, prosecution, and enforcement of protective orders—particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.
3. Proposals submitted by units of local government and public agencies that certify they comply with federal immigration law, including 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

Eligibility:

This opportunity is available to nonprofit organizations, governmental organizations, and faith-based organizations that provide allowable STOP grant activities.

An entity may apply, but will not be eligible for a grant until the entity has been prequalified through a series of threshold requirements, including:

1. **Unique Entity ID:** The UEI is entered in the Project Information section of the grant application. For more information and/or to obtain a UEI, [click here](#).
2. **System for Award Management (SAM) Registration:** To enable ICJI to report subawards in a timely manner, subrecipients are also required to register with the System of Award Management (SAM). SAM is a federally owned and operated free website and is used to populate the information needed to report subaward information. To register, you must have a UEI number. Registration can be completed [here](#).
3. Review of the entity's good standing with **Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR)**, **Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD)**, and the **Indiana Secretary of State (SOS)**. The entity must also be enrolled in the [E-Verify](#) program.

Application Submission:

Completed applications and all required documentation must be submitted through IntelliGrants **no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on August 11, 2026**. Applications received after 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on August 11, 2026, will not be considered.

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 [here](#).

Applicants are encouraged to review IntelliGrants training materials before logging in for the first time. The [Subrecipient User Manual](#) is available on the [ICJI website](#) and under 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. For technical assistance with IntelliGrants, please contact CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov.

RFF Timeline:

Subject to change

July 13, 2026	RFF Released and IntelliGrants Application Available
July 16, 2026	RFF Webinar (<i>link below</i>)
July 22, 2026	RFF Questions Due
July 24, 2026	RFF Answers Posted to ICJI Victim Services Webpage
August 11, 2026	RFF Proposal Submissions Due
<i>*Note: Applications received after August 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. EDT will not be considered.</i>	
September 8, 2026	Notify Applicants of Award Determination

Webinar:

ICJI will host a webinar on July 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. EDT via Microsoft Teams. A link to join the webinar is available below.

JOIN WEBINAR

Q&A:

All questions regarding this RFF must be submitted via email to victimservices@cji.in.gov, **no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 22, 2026.**

Questions received after 11:59 p.m. EDT will not be answered or included in the Q&A document posted to the ICJI STOP [webpage](#).

Questions received by the due date will be answered by July 23, 2026, and posted to the ICJI STOP [webpage](#). All questions and inquiries must be directed **ONLY** to **victimservices@cji.in.gov**.

Any answers provided to questions outside of the Q&A document to be posted on July 24, 2026, are non-binding.

Award Period:

The award period for this grant is **October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027**. Projects should begin on October 1, 2026, 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 October 1, 2026, will result in the cancellation 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 September 30, 2027. All outstanding expenses must be paid, and the final fiscal report must be submitted via the grant management system **within thirty (30) days of September 30, 2027.** 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 September 30, 2027, will not be reimbursed.** Late Fiscal and Programmatic Reports **will not be accepted.**

Funding Availability:

ICJI has not yet received its federal award for this funding cycle; therefore, the total amount available is currently undetermined. Upon receipt of the federal award, ICJI anticipates making approximately 65 to 75 subawards, generally ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000 each.

Award Cancellation/Modification/Reduction:

This RFF is non-binding and grants no rights or remedies to respondents. Funding is conditional on the award of state and/or federal funding related to this RFF. Should funding not be awarded, be increased/decreased, or cancelled, ICJI reserves the right to cancel/modify/reduce the RFF, award recommendation, or awards at any time. Termination of an executed grant agreement shall follow the procedure outlined in the grant agreement.

Match:

There is a **25% match requirement** imposed on grant funds under this program for **government entities**. If the applicant agency is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that is recognized by the IRS under section 501(c)3 of Title 26, the match requirement is waived. If the nonprofit is providing services in the law enforcement or prosecutor category (e.g., training law enforcement officers), match is required and must be provided by the state. The nonprofit can voluntarily provide match to meet this requirement on behalf of the state. A match calculator to assist in the calculation can be found on our website [here](#).

Step 1: Award Amount ÷ % of Federal Share = Total Project Cost

Step 2: Total Project Cost x % of Recipient Share = Required Cost Share

***Example:** A grant recipient is awarded \$150,000 in federal funding. The match requirement is a 75/25 ratio (federal percentage/recipient percentage).*

\$150,000 ÷ 75% = \$200,000 **Total Project Cost**

\$200,000 x 25% = \$50,000 **Recipient Share (Required Match)**

Additionally, matching funds must:

- Be verifiable from the subgrantee's records;
- Not be included as contributions for any other federal award;

- Be necessary and reasonable for the accomplishment of the project or program objectives;
- Be allowable and conform to all provisions under 2 C.F.R. 200.400;
- Not be paid by the federal government under another federal award, except when authorized by federal statute; and
- Be included in the subgrantee's approved budget.

Match is restricted to the same use of funds as allowed for federal funds. If an expenditure is not allowable with federal funds, it is not allowable with match funds. Applicants must identify all sources of the non-federal portion of the total project cost (i.e., match funds) and explain how the match funds will be used in the budget narrative section of the application within IntelliGrants.

Supplanting:

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant non-federal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Supplanting occurs when a state, local, or tribal government reduces state, local, or tribal funds for an activity specifically because federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity.

Purpose Areas:

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10441(b), funds under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes.

1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including the appropriate use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of section 1101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)).
2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims, including implementation of the grant conditions in section 40002(b) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)).
4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services and legal assistance to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
6. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
7. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
8. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
9. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of individuals 50 years of age and over, individuals with disabilities, and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, legal assistance and other victim services to such individuals.
10. Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.
11. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families including rehabilitative work with offenders.
12. Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants”) in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and may undertake the following activities:
 - a. developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases;
 - b. notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency;

- c. referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and
 - d. taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.
- 13. Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote:
 - a. the development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as “Crystal Judson Victim Advocates,” to provide supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel;
 - b. the implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police ([“Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project” July 2003](#))); and
 - c. the development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial, local victim services providers, and domestic violence coalitions.
 - d. any law enforcement, state, tribal, territorial, or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program, and any subgrantee of such an agency, shall (1) on an annual basis receive specialized training on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel from domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations and (2) provide a report of the adopted protocol to the Department of Justice, including a summary of progress in implementing such protocol, once every two (2) years.
- 14. Developing and promoting state, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- 15. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.
- 16. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims.
- 17. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings.
- 18. Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims.

19. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 249(c).
20. Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or female genital mutilation or cutting, with not more than 5 percent of the amount allocated to a state to be used for this purpose.
21. Developing, enhancing, or strengthening programs and projects to improve evidence collection methods for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including through funding for technology that better detects bruising and injuries across skin tones and related training.
22. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening culturally specific victim services programs to provide culturally specific victim services and responses to female genital mutilation or cutting.
23. Providing victim advocates in State or local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and courts and providing supportive services and advocacy to Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
24. Paying any fees charged by any governmental authority for furnishing a victim or the child of a victim with any of the following documents:
 - a. A birth certificate or passport of the individual, as required by law.
 - b. An identification card issued to the person by a state or Tribe, that shows that the person is a resident of the State or member of the Tribe.

Indirect Costs:

According to 2 CFR Part 200.1, indirect cost is defined as “those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved.”

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Indirect costs are those that benefit more than one activity and are common or joint purpose costs.

Requesting Indirect Costs: Requesting indirect costs is optional. Applicants do not have to request indirect costs, but it is allowable. To calculate indirect costs, applicants must first determine the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) amount of the project budget. Indirect costs that can be requested are not based on the entire project budget but on the MTDC amount.

Applicants have two options when requesting indirect costs: using a formal Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (ICRA) or using a *de minimis* rate. These two options are outlined below.

1. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (ICRA)

- This is a formal rate agreement that an organization has applied for and received from their cognizant federal agency (ICJI does not approve ICRAAs).
- Organizations will have a letter or other documentation that lists the federally negotiated rate.
- The rate in the ICRA must be accepted, unless otherwise specified by the federal awarding agency.
- Applicants can request the percentage (as outlined in the ICRA) of the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) of their budget for indirect costs.

2. *De Minimis* Rate

- This can be used by organizations that have never had a federally approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.
- Organizations can use a rate of up to 15% of the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) of their budget for indirect costs.
- If an applicant elects to use the *de minimis* rate of 15% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC), then it must provide a list of indirect costs and the calculation used to determine the amount charged.

If an applicant elects to include indirect costs in their proposed grant budget, this intent must be included in the Budget Narrative section of the application. In addition, if the applicant has an ICRA, the **approved agreement** must be uploaded in the “attachment” section of the application. If an applicant requests to utilize a *de minimis* rate, then an attachment must be uploaded in IntelliGrants indicating how the **indirect costs were calculated and the costs assigned as indirect**. For more information related to indirect costs, please refer to the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

Contractors and Consultants:

When a grant recipient contracts for work or services, the following is required:

1. All contractual services must be obtained through a procurement method. Verification of this method must be supplied upon completion of contract.
2. All consultant and contractual services shall be supported by written contracts signed by all parties stating the services to be performed, rate of compensation, and length of time over which the services will be provided.
3. A copy of all written contracts for contractual or consultant services shall be attached in IntelliGrants to the grant file upon their ratification.
4. Payments shall be supported by statements outlining the services rendered, date of service, and cost of service.

Any consultant costs exceeding the allowable rate (maximum of \$81.25 per hour or \$650 per day) will not be allowed.

Administrative Costs:

Administrative costs are an allowable expense but are **limited to 10% of the total grant funded budget**. Administrative costs include:

1. Time used to complete STOP-required time and attendance sheets, programmatic documentation, reports, and required statistics; and,
2. Administrative time used to collect and maintain satisfaction surveys and needs assessments used to improve service delivery within the STOP-funded project.

Travel Costs:

Travel costs are limited to direct service travel or in-state travel for STOP-funded personnel attending training related to their STOP program duties. Expenses and reimbursements for 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 conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and the STOP Grant Program Requirements.
4. Costs must be consistent with policies and procedures of the STOP grant program and applied uniformly.
5. Costs must be adequately documented with supporting materials including receipts, invoices, timesheets, paystubs, etc. ICJI's supporting documentation policy can be found [here](#).

Unallowable Activities and Costs:

The activities listed below are out of the program scope and will not be funded:

1. Research projects.
2. Promoting or facilitating the violation of federal immigration law.
3. Inculcating or promoting gender ideology as defined in Executive Order 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.
4. Promoting or facilitating discriminatory programs or ideology, including illegal DEI and "diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility" programs that do not advance the policy of equal dignity and respect, as described in Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity. This prohibition is not intended to interfere with any of OVW's statutory obligations, such as funding for HBCUs, culturally specific services, and disability programs.

5. Activities that frame domestic violence or sexual assault as systemic social justice issues rather than criminal offenses (e.g., prioritizing criminal justice reform or social justice theories over victim safety and offender accountability).
6. Generic community engagement or economic development without a clear link to violence prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
7. Programs that discourage collaboration with law enforcement or oppose or limit the role of police, prosecutors, or immigration enforcement in addressing violence against women.
8. Awareness campaigns or media that do not lead to tangible improvements in prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
9. Initiatives that prioritize illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and legal residents in receiving victim services and support.
10. Excessive funding for consulting fees, training, administrative costs, or other expenses not related to measurable violence prevention, victim support, and offender accountability.
11. Any activity or program that unlawfully violates an Executive Order.
12. Activities addressing human trafficking unrelated to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
13. Activities addressing Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) unrelated to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
14. Services to victims under the age of eleven (11).

Note: Recipients and subrecipients should serve all eligible victims as required by statute, regulation, or award condition.

Grant funds under this program may not be used for the following:

1. Lobbying, except with explicit statutory authorization.
2. 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.
3. Purchase of real property.
4. Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).
5. Construction.
6. Purchase of vehicles.
7. Direct financial assistance to a client such as cash, gift cards, or checks.
8. Alcohol, food (except emergency food for victims), and entertainment costs.
9. Immigration fees.

Activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter, or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions will not be funded. Below is a list of these activities:

1. Procedures or policies that exclude eligible victims from receiving services based on the classifications identified in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)(A) or their actual or perceived mental or physical health condition, criminal record, employment history or status, income or lack of income, or the age and/or sex of their children.
2. Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and/or privacy of victims.
3. Procedures or policies that require victims to take certain actions (e.g., seek an order of protection; receive counseling; participate in counseling, mediation, or restorative justice/circle processes; report to law enforcement or other authorities; seek civil or criminal remedies) or penalize them for failing to do so.
4. Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims.
5. Project designs, products, services, and/or budgets that fail to account for the unique needs of individuals with disabilities, with limited English proficiency, or who are Deaf or hard of hearing, including accessibility for such individuals.
6. Using technology without addressing implications for victim confidentiality, safety planning, and the need for informed consent.
7. Partnering with individuals or organizations that support/promote practices that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability.

The following activity requires prior approval:

- Surveys: Recipients must receive prior approval before using grant funds to support surveys, regardless of their purpose.

Attachment Requirements:

The following documents must be completed and submitted in the “Attachment” section of IntelliGrants to be considered for funding:

- **Total Agency Budget:** Complete and upload the [Total Agency Budget form](#). Nonprofit applicants should complete the tab labeled, “Non-Profit Agencies,” and government entities should complete the tab labeled, “Governmental Agencies.”
- **Indirect Cost Rate:** If the applicant agency has a federally approved indirect cost rate, ICJI will accept this rate. The applicant must provide ICJI with a copy of the Federal Indirect Cost Rate Agreement showing the rate and effective date. If the applicant elects to use the *de minimis* rate of 15% of modified total direct costs (MTDC), then it must provide a list of indirect costs and the calculation used to determine the amount charged.
- **Letters of Endorsement:** Attach at least one letter of endorsement evidencing community support for the applicant’s program. The letter of endorsement must be from an entity/individual outside of the applicant’s program.

- **Miscellaneous:**

- **Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors Certification Form:** All applicants are required to attach certification of acknowledgement and adherence to this special condition. The certification form can be found [here](#).
- **STOP Requirements:** All applicants are required to attached certification of adherence to the requirements of the applicable provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 122912(b). The certification can be found [here](#).
- **Confidentiality Notice Form:** All applicants are required to attach the acknowledgement that they have received notice that subgrantees must comply with the confidentiality and privacy requirements of VAWA, as amended. The acknowledgement form can be found [here](#).
- **Certification Letter Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities:** All applicants are required to attach a letter certifying that grant funds will not be used for out-of-scope activities. The certification letter can be found in Appendix A.
- **Consultation Form:** All court, law enforcement, and prosecutor-based programs must attach a consultation form to show they have consulted with a victim service agency during the completion of this funding announcement. Example provided in Appendix C or can be found [here](#).
- **Prosecutor Office Certification Form:** All Prosecutor Office applicants must attach the STOP Prosecutor Certification Form certifying that they currently utilize or will utilize the items required within three years of October 1, 2023, for STOP continuation programs or from October 1, 2026, for New STOP programs. The certification form can be found [here](#). If you are a continuing program and ICJI has certified meeting this requirement, attach a copy of the certification you received from ICJI.
- **Legal Assistance Certification Letter:** If the applicant agency is planning to utilize STOP funding to support legal assistance (see definition in Appendix F,) you must submit a letter stating you will comply with all statutory requirements. Example provided in Appendix B can be found [here](#).
- **Job Descriptions:** If applying for funds for personnel costs, attach the relevant job descriptions for personnel (grant and match funded) and volunteers.
- **Certification Regarding Lobbying and Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying:** The forms can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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 an agreement to abide by all special conditions detailed in the Certified Assurances and Special Conditions.
3. Submit all reports in the prescribed format and timeframes determined by ICJI.

4. Comply with federal guidelines contained within 2 CFR Part 200 found [here](#).
5. Along with completing reports in the grant management system, the submission of data for the **Subgrantee Annual Report (Muskie)** is required. More information on the Muskie Annual Report can be found [here](#).
6. Comply with all federal and state laws, including all applicable federal and state executive orders.

Evaluation:

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, the state will review and score all grant applications as part of the competitive application process. As part of this process, the state will evaluate the allowability of the application, the applicant, and the project, under the following factors:

- The completeness of the grant application;
- Whether the grant application is within the scope of the grant;
- The applicant's eligibility;
- 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 Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR), Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and the Indiana 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 System of Award Management (SAM) and has an active Unique Entity ID (UEI).

This is a competitive grant process. The submission of a grant application and/or assistance with a grant application does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will receive a grant award. All awards are contingent upon the availability of grant funds.

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. Awardees will be required to submit monthly or quarterly reports to ICJI. 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. 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/or repeated incorrect reports could disqualify subrecipients from future funding.**

Program Requirements:

Confidentiality

All grantees and subgrantees providing services to victims and receiving VAWA funding from the Office on Violence Against Women must comply with the VAWA Confidentiality Provision. The VAWA Confidentiality Provision refers to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2), a provision of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that requires all grantees and subgrantees receiving VAWA funding from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons to whom those grantees and subgrantees are providing services.

Subgrantees may not disclose, reveal, or release personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through grantees' and subgrantees' programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected.

Personally identify information or personal information means individually identifying information for or about an individual including information likely to disclose the location of a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, regardless of whether the information is encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected, including— (A) a first and last name; (B) a home or other physical address; (C) contact information (including a postal, e-mail or Internet protocol address, or telephone or facsimile number); (D) a social security number, driver license number, passport number, or student identification number; and (E) any other information, including date of birth, racial or ethnic background, or religious affiliation, that would serve to identify any individual.

Please see this [resource](#) for more information on best practices on protecting the confidentiality and privacy of all persons receiving services. All applicants must sign and attach to their application [Acknowledgement of Notice of Statutory Requirement to Comply with the Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, as Amended.](#)

Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors

The recipient must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status. The details of this requirement are posted on the OVW website in a PDF titled "Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors" and can be found [here](#).

In addition, an information sheet further explaining this condition and the steps that must be taken to be in compliance if awarded STOP funds can be found [here](#). A current completed certification form must be attached to your application. The certification form can be found [here](#).

Grant Eligibility Regarding Compelling Victim Testimony

In order for a Prosecutor's Office to be eligible to receive grant funds under this subchapter, beginning with STOP Grant recipients October 1, 2023, the head of the office shall certify, to the State, that the office will, during the 3-year period beginning on the date on which the grant is awarded, engage in planning, developing, and implementing the items listed below.

1. Training developed by experts in the field regarding victim-centered approaches in domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases;
2. Policies that support a victim-centered approach, informed by such training; and
3. A protocol outlining alternative practices and procedures for material witness petitions and bench warrants, consistent with best practices, that shall be exhausted before employing material witness petitions and bench warrants to obtain victim-witness testimony in the investigation, prosecution, and trial of a crime related to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking of the victim in order to prevent further victimization and trauma to the victim.

New Prosecutor Office applicants will need to complete the [Prosecutor Office Certification for New Programs](#) and they will have three (3) years from October 1, 2026, to implement the above items.

Continuing applicants from Prosecutors' Offices had a three-year window to fulfill this requirement, with the deadline set for September 30, 2026. To qualify for the STOP 2026 grant opportunity, offices must complete all requirements and receive certification of completion from ICJI by September 30, 2026.

STOP Requirements

All grantees and subgrantees of STOP funding must state how they will meet the requirements of the applicable provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 12912(b) as listed below. The certification can be found [here](#).

- Nondisclosure of confidential or private information - Grantees and subgrantees shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services. For more information see 28 CFR 90.4(b) and FAQs on the OVW web page ([FAQ on the VAWA Confidentiality Provision](#)).
- Approved activities - If grantees and subgrantees collaborate with or provide information to public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies and develop and promote legislation or model codes to reduce or eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, then they must maintain confidentiality of victims (as required above) and ensure that personally identifying information about victims is not included.
- Non-supplantation - Federal funds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be available for STOP funded activities.
- Reports - An entity receiving a grant shall submit to the disbursing agency a report on activities undertaken with grant funds.

- Non-exclusivity - Nothing in the VAWA shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from receiving STOP Program funded services.
- Prohibition on tort litigation - Funds under the STOP Program may not be used to fund civil representation in a lawsuit based on a tort claim.
- Prohibition on lobbying - Funds under the STOP Program are subject to the prohibition in 18 U.S.C. § 1913 (a provision that broadly prohibits the use of appropriated funds for lobbying).
- Delivery of legal assistance - Grantees and subgrantees providing legal assistance with STOP funds shall comply with the requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 20121(d) (see [Resources for Applicants](#) for a sample letter provided by OVW).
- Civil rights - Grantees and subgrantees shall comply with all applicable federal civil rights laws and nondiscrimination provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)(A).

Restriction on Lobbying

Grant recipients and subrecipients cannot use Federal funds for the purposes of lobbying, i.e., to pay a person in order to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions. For additional information, see [Information Regarding Subrecipient Lobbying Certification](#).

Recipients and subrecipients at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) of a Federal award of more than \$100,000 in the form of a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement must attach (1) a [Certification Regarding Lobbying](#) and (2) a [Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying](#).

Indiana Access to Public Records Act (I.C. 5-14-3 *et seq.*)

ICJI is a state agency subject to the Indiana Access to Public Records Act (“APRA”). Records submitted to and received by ICJI may be subject to copying and/or inspection upon request from the public, including news agencies and/or competitors. The following records may fall into an APRA exception:

1. Records declared confidential by state law;
2. Records declared confidential by federal law;
3. Records containing trade secrets (as defined at I.C. 24-2-3-2);* or
4. Records ordered confidential or sealed by a court order;

*Pricing is generally not considered a trade secret. Pricing formula may qualify. Award amounts and grant agreements are public records and will be publicly available.

Any record submitted to ICJI that falls into the above must be uploaded and marked as confidential by respondent during the application process. Respondent waives the right to claim any confidentiality if it fails to properly submit/mark documents as such. The State reserves the

right to make determinations of confidentiality. If a document related to a respondent is requested, ICJI will review the document(s) for disclosure and/or confidentiality. If a document is marked confidential and ICJI does not agree with the application of the designation, it may either reject the marking or discuss its interpretation of the allowable exceptions with the respondent. If the designation is rejected, ICJI will notify the respondent and allow seven (7) days for the respondent to seek legal counsel and action. Once the time elapses, ICJI will release the records in dispute as well and other responsive non-confidential records.

Attachment Checklist

	Required By				
Application Item	Victim Services	Prosecutor Office	Law Enforcement	Court	Attached
Total Agency Budget	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Indirect Cost Rate or de minimis calculation	Yes, <i>only</i> if claiming federal approved indirect cost rate or de minimis				
Sustainability Plan	NOT REQUIRED				
Timeline	NOT REQUIRED				
Letter of Endorsement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Suitability to Interact with Minors Certification	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
STOP Requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Confidentiality Notice Form	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Out-of-Scope Certification Letter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Consultation Form	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Prosecutor Certification	No	Yes	No	No	
Legal Assistance Certification Letter	Yes, <i>only</i> if using STOP funds to support legal assistance				
Job Descriptions (grant and match positions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Certification Regarding Lobbying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Appendix A: Out-of-Scope Certification Letter

(Applicant Letterhead)

[DATE]

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Victim Services Division
Indiana Government Center South
402 W. Washington Street, Room #W469
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities

[Name of applicant] certifies that grant funds will not be used for the out-of-scope activities listed in the Out-of-Scope Activities section in the Request for Funding (RFF) under which this application is submitted, except for those stayed by order of the court in *Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al.* The stayed out-of-scope activities are listed as numbers 2-5, 7-9, and 11. These terms are not enforceable to this 2026 award unless and until the preliminary stay is lifted.

Signed,

[Applicant's Authorized Representative signature]

[Applicant's Authorized Representative printed name]

Appendix B: Legal Assistance Certification Letter

(Applicant Letterhead)

[DATE]

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Victim Services Division
Indiana Government Center South
402 W. Washington Street, Room #W469
Indianapolis, IN 46204

This letter serves to certify that [INSERT APPLICANT NAME] will comply with the following statutory requirements:

1. Any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under the STOP Formula Program
 - A. (i) is a licensed attorney or is working under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney; (ii) in immigration proceedings, is a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative; (iii) in Veterans' Administration claims, is an accredited representative; or (iv) is any person who functions as an attorney or lay advocate in Tribal court; and
 - B. (i) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or (ii)(I) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in clause (i); and (II) has completed, or will complete, training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide.
2. Any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, state, territorial, local, or culturally specific domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, State, territorial, and local law enforcement officials.
3. Any person or organization providing legal assistance through a program funded under this program has informed and will continue to inform state, local or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate State and local law enforcement officials of their work.
4. The grantee's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

Sincerely,
Authorizing Official

Appendix C: Consultation Form

(Applicant Letterhead)

[DATE]

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Victim Services Division
Indiana Government Center South
402 W. Washington Street, Room #W469
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: STOP Grant Consultation Requirement

This form certifies that [Applicant Agency Name] consulted with *(Insert name of Victim Service Agency)* during the course of developing this STOP application in order to ensure that the proposed activities are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims.

Signed

Court, Law Enforcement or Prosecutor
Authorized Representative

Date

Victim Service Provider
Authorized Representative

Date

Appendix D: Definitions

For purposes of this solicitation, please familiarize yourself with the following definitions:

Culturally Specific Services: The term “culturally specific services” means community-based services that offer culturally relevant and linguistically specific services and resources to culturally specific communities.

Dating Partner: The term “dating partner” refers to a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the abuser, and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

- A. the length of the relationship;
- B. the type of relationship;
- C. the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Dating Violence: The term “dating violence” means violence committed by a person—

- A. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- B. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - a. the length of the relationship;
 - b. the type of the relationship;
 - c. the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Domestic Violence: The term “domestic violence” includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding and, in the case of victim services, includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse, or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who—

- A. is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim;
- B. is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- C. shares a child in common with the victim;
- D. commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Economic Abuse: The term “economic abuse,” in the context of domestic violence, dating violence, and abuse in later life, means behavior that is coercive, deceptive, or unreasonably controls or restrains a person’s ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled, including using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to:

- A. restrict a person’s access to money, assets, credit, or financial information;

- B. unfairly use a person's personal economic resources, including money, assets, and credit, for one's own advantage; or
- C. exert undue influence over a person's financial and economic behavior or decisions, including forcing default on joint or other financial obligations, exploiting powers of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing or neglecting to act in the best interests of a person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.

Female Genital Mutilation or Cutting: The term “female genital mutilation or cutting” has the meaning given to such term in [18 U.S.C. § 116](#)

Forced Marriage: The term “forced marriage” means a marriage to which one or both parties do not or cannot consent, and in which one or more elements of force, fraud, or coercion is present. Forced marriage can be both a cause and a consequence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Legal Assistance: The term “legal assistance” includes means assistance provided by or under the direct supervision of a person described in subparagraph (A) to an adult, youth, or child victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking relating to a matter described in subparagraph (B).

A. Person described:

- a. a licensed attorney
- b. in immigration proceedings, a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative;
- c. in claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs, a representative authorized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; or
- d. any person who functions as an attorney or lay advocate in tribal court;

B. Matter described:

- a. divorce, parental rights, child support, Tribal, territorial, immigration, employment, administrative agency, housing, campus, education, healthcare, privacy, contract, consumer, civil rights, protection or other injunctive proceedings, related enforcement proceedings, and other similar matters;
- b. criminal justice investigations, prosecutions and post-conviction matters (including sentencing, parole, probation) that impact the victim's safety, privacy or other interests as a victim;
- c. alternative dispute resolution, restorative practices, or other processes intended to promote victim safety, privacy, and autonomy, and offender accountability, regardless of court involvement; or
- d. with respect to a conviction of a victim relating to or arising from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking victimization of the victim, post-conviction relief proceedings in State, local, Tribal, or territorial court.

- C. Intake or referral – For purposes of this paragraph, intake or referral, by itself, does not constitute legal assistance.

Sex Trafficking: The term “sex trafficking” means any conduct proscribed by [18 U.S.C. § 1591](#), whether or not the conduct occurs in interstate or foreign commerce or within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

Sexual Assault: The term “sexual assault” means any non-consensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking: The term “stalking” means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

- A. fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
- B. suffer substantial emotional distress.

Technological Abuse: The term “technological abuse” means an act or pattern of behavior that occurs within domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking and is intended to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass, impersonate, exploit, extort, or monitor, except as otherwise permitted by law, another person, that occurs using any form of information technology, including but not limited to: internet enabled devices, online spaces and platforms, computers, mobile devices, cameras and imaging programs, apps, location tracking devices, or communication technologies, or any other emerging technologies.

Underserved Populations: The term “underserved populations” means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim service.

Victim Advocate: The term “victim advocate” means a person, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, who provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or dating violence under the auspices or supervision of a victim services program.

Victim Assistant: The term “victim assistant” means a person, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, who provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or dating violence under the auspices or supervision of a court or a law enforcement or prosecution agency.

Victim Services or Services: The terms “victim services” and “services” means services provided to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including telephonic or web-based hotlines, legal assistance and legal advocacy, economic advocacy, emergency and transitional shelter, accompaniment and advocacy through medical, civil or criminal justice, immigration, and social support systems, crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, information and referrals, culturally specific services, population specific services, and other related supportive services.

Youth: The term “youth” means a person who is 11 to 24 years old.