

Request for Funding – September 2026 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

Project Description:

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is now accepting applications for the 2027 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP). SASP was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, 34 U.S.C. § 12511. The program directs grant dollars to states to assist in supporting rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide direct intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault, without regard to age.

The award period for this program is **January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027**. This grant is **reimbursement-based**.

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 program 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.

Priority Areas:

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

1. Measures to combat human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration and cartel operations, that support safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered sexual assault.
2. Projects to provide victim services, especially housing, and improve law enforcement response in rural and remote areas, Tribal nations, and small towns that often lack resources to effectively combat sexual assault.

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants include the entity types listed below that assist victims (and their dependents) of sexual assault and have a documented history of effective work involving sexual assault victims:

- Rape Crisis Centers – a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or tribal organization, or governmental entity in a state other than a territory, that provides intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault without regard to their age.
 - In the case of a governmental entity, the entity may not be part of the criminal justice system, such as a law enforcement agency, and must be able to offer a

comparable level of confidentiality as a nonprofit entity that provides similar victim services.

- Other nongovernmental or tribal programs and projects to assist individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault.

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 Organization Information Form 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 free, federally owned and operated website that 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 Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund grant management system **no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on October 28, 2026**. Applications received after 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on October 28, 2026, will not be considered.

Please note that ICJI is no longer accepting applications through IntelliGrants. Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund, is an end-to-end solution for the administration of grants. Everything from the grant application, reports, and reimbursement requests will occur online within Euna. Applicants must register in Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund to apply for funding opportunities. Instructions can be found [here](#).

To access this grant opportunity in Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund, visit [ICJI's SASP Opportunity webpage](#), and click "Apply" or **click this link**.

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 Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund, please contact Euna Support at support.grants@eunasolutions.com or 844-407-3572. In addition, Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund office hours will be available on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. More information can be found [here](#).

RFF Timeline:

Subject to change

September 15, 2026	RFF Webinar
September 16, 2026	RFF Released and Euna Grants Application Available
September 24, 2026	RFF Questions Due

September 29, 2026	RFF Answers Posted to ICJI Victim Services Webpage
October 28, 2026	RFF Proposal Submissions Due
<i>*Note: Applications received after October 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. EDT will not be considered.</i>	
December 8, 2026	Notify Applicants of Award Determination

Webinar:

ICJI hosted a webinar on September 15, 2026, and given the transition from IntelliGrants to Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund, prospective applicants are highly encouraged to watch the recording of this webinar [here](#).

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 September 24, 2026.**

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

Questions received by the due date will be answered by September 29, 2026, and posted to the ICJI SASP [webpage](#). All questions and inquiries concerning the RFF must be directed **ONLY** to victimservices@cji.in.gov.

Any answers provided to questions outside of the Q&A document to be posted on September 29, 2026, are non-binding.

Award Period:

The award period for SASP is **January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027**. Programs should begin on January 1, 2027, and must be in operation no later than sixty (60) days after this date. Failure to have the funded program operational **within sixty (60) days from January 1, 2027, will result in the cancellation of the grant and the de-obligation of all awarded funds.**

All programs must conclude and all funding obligations must be made no later than December 31, 2027. All outstanding expenses must be paid, and the final expense report must be submitted via Euna Grants powered by Amplifund, **within thirty (30) days of December 31, 2027**. Proof of payment for all expenses must be provided with the report. Any expenses that have **not been paid within thirty (30) days after December 31, 2027, will not be reimbursed**. Late reports **will not be accepted**.

Funding Availability:

ICJI has approximately \$1,100,000 available in funding for this one-year grant award period. ICJI estimates providing 10 to 20 grants, ranging from \$30,000 to \$200,000 each.

The award of funding to an applicant in one year does not guarantee or create a legal obligation to award funding in subsequent years to an applicant.

Award Cancellation/Modification/Reduction:

This RFF is non-binding and gives (or guarantees) 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.

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. § 12511(a)(1), funds under this program must be used to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance to:

1. Adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault;
2. Family and household members of such victims; and
3. Those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization.

Funds under this program must be used to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and other nongovernmental or tribal programs and projects to assist individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault, without regard to the age of the individual.

Intervention and related assistance may include:

- 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral;
- Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings;
- Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, direct payments, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members;
- Information and referral to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members;
- Community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities; and
- Development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described above.

In cases when victims of domestic violence or human trafficking disclose a history of sexual assault, including by a current or former intimate partner, services may be provided with SASP funding to the extent that such victim expresses a need for services related to the sexual assault.

Allowable Activities and Costs:

The activities and associated costs for the activities below are allowable:

- 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral;
- Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings;
- Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, direct payments, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members;
- Information and referral to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members;
- Community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities; and
- Development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described above.
- If an applicant is requesting reimbursement for equipment or supplies, the applicant shall reveal in the budget narrative whether they are purchasing, renting, or leasing all listed and proposed equipment or supplies. The applicant shall comply with 2 CFR 200.216 when renting, purchasing, or leasing any telecommunications, video surveillance systems and service, or equipment. The applicant shall comply with 2 CFR 200.465 regarding the lease and/or rental of real property and equipment.

Direct payments to victims and their family or household members must be for costs related to the sexual assault. The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) encourages payments to be paid to vendors directly. Examples of costs that direct payments may cover include, but are not limited to:

- Replacement bedding, clothing, or other household items;
- Securing new or temporary housing, including paying a security deposit, first month's rent, or moving expenses;
- Travel expenses;
- Childcare expenses;
- Emergency food, including culturally appropriate food;
- Utility assistance (other than utilities in arrears); and
- Security measures such as re-keying locks, replacing a cell phone, or purchasing a motion detector or security camera that does not require installation (see funding restrictions on minor renovations).

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 ICRA's).
- 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 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 MTDC of their budget for indirect costs.
- If an applicant elects to use the *de minimis* rate of 15% of the 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 form of the application. In addition, if the applicant has an ICRA, the **approved agreement** must be uploaded in the “Attachment Form” section of the application. If an applicant requests to utilize a *de minimis* rate, then an attachment must be uploaded in Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund 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](#).

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 SASP-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 SASP-funded project.

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 Euna Grants powered by AmpliFund 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 be denied.

Travel Costs:

Travel costs are limited to direct service travel or in-state travel for SASP-funded personnel attending training related to their SASP 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 program.
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 CFR Part 200 and the SASP Requirements.
4. Costs must be consistent with policies and procedures of SASP 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:

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

- Education and prevention activities.
- Trainings on sexual assault for other professionals or the development of training curricula.
- Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) Coordination.
- Activities that are conducted by or inherent to the criminal justice system such as sexual assault nurse/forensic examiner programs, law enforcement investigation, and/or prosecution of sex crimes.

SASP does not fund activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions. The following activities have been found to jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions. In planning a SASP proposal, please ensure that these activities are not included:

- 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.
- Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and/or privacy of victims.
- 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.
- Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims.
- 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.
- Using technology without addressing implications for victim confidentiality, safety planning, and the need for informed consent.
- Partnering with individuals or organizations that support/promote practices that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability.
- Materials that are not tailored to the dynamics of sexual assault or to the specific population(s) to be addressed by the project.
- Policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator.

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:

- Lobbying, except with explicit statutory authorization.
- 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 property.
- Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).
- Construction.
- Purchase of vehicles.
- Direct financial assistance to a client such as cash, gift cards, or checks.
- Alcohol, food (except emergency food for victims), and entertainment costs.

The following activity requires prior approval:

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

Out-of-Scope Activities:

The activities listed below are out of the program scope and will not be supported by this program's funding. Applicants must certify that grant funds will not be used for the out-of-scope activities listed, 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 as to this SASP 2027 award unless and until the preliminary stay is lifted.

1. Research projects. Funds under this program may not be used to conduct research, defined in 28 CFR § 46.102(d) as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. However, assessments conducted for quality assurance and internal improvement purposes only may be allowable. Examples of assessments include surveying training participants about the quality of training content and delivery or convening a listening session to identify service gaps in the community.
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 a federal Executive Order.
12. Activities addressing human trafficking unrelated to sexual assault.
13. Activities addressing Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) unrelated to sexual assault.
14. Activities focused on prevention efforts and public education (e.g., bystander intervention, social norms campaigns, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.).
15. Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews.
16. Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examiner programs.
17. Sexual Assault Response Team coordination.
18. Providing training to allied professionals and the community (e.g., law enforcement, child protection services, prosecution, other community-based organizations, etc.).
19. Domestic violence services unrelated to sexual violence.
20. Legal services.

Attachments:

To be considered for funding, the following required documents located in the ‘Attachment Form’ of the grant application must be downloaded, completed, and then uploaded back into the ‘Attachment Form’.

- **Total Agency Budget:** Complete and upload the Total Agency Budget. Nonprofit applicants should complete the tab labeled, “Non-Profit Agencies,” and government entities should complete the tab labeled, “Governmental Agencies.”
- **Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors Certification:** All applicants are required to attach certification of acknowledgement and adherence to this special condition.
- **Confidentiality Notice:** 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.
- **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.
- **Lobbying:** 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 submit, upon requesting or receiving such award, (1) a Certification Regarding Lobbying and (2), if applicable, a Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying.

The following documents can be uploaded within the “Attachment Form” of the grant application.

- **Letter(s) of Endorsement:** Attach at least one letter of endorsement evidencing community support for the applicant’s program is required. The letter of endorsement must be from an entity/individual outside of the applicant’s program.
- **Job Descriptions:** If applying for funds for personnel costs, attach the relevant job descriptions for personnel (grant and match funded) and volunteers.
- **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.

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 CFR 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 the 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 identifying 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.

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 SASP funds can be found [here](#). A current completed certification form must be attached to your application.

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) if applicable, a [Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying](#).

Indiana Access to Public Records Act (Ind. Code § 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 Ind. Code § 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 is considered to an exception to APRA 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.

APPENDIX A: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) SASP Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The following FAQ was provided by the OVW SASP Formula Program

1. May SASP Formula Program funds be used to support services to children?

Yes, SASP Formula Program funds may be used to support projects that focus on direct services for children who are victims of sexual assault. Services rendered to child victims do not have to be provided in connection with serving an adult parent, and there is no age restriction on providing services to child victims. In addition, SASP Formula funds may be used to provide services to children of victims of sexual assault.

2. May SASP Formula Program funds be used to support projects that include education and prevention activities?

No, SASP Formula Program funds may not be used for education and prevention. However, funds may be used for outreach to inform persons about the services provided by a specific program. For example, a program could use pamphlets, brochures, or community presentations to announce the services available under the grant.

3. May SASP Formula Program funds be used to support projects implemented by child advocacy centers?

Generally, SASP funds cannot support child advocacy centers because the focus of the program is “establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and other nongovernmental or tribal programs and projects to assist individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault, without regard to the age of the individual.” This means that funded service providers must provide services to sexual assault victims of all ages. In addition, SASP funds may not be used for prosecution or law enforcement projects such as forensic examinations or forensic interviewing, which are often components of the child advocacy centers.

4. May SASP Formula Program funds be used for volunteer-related expenses?

Yes, SASP funds may be used to support volunteer-related activities, so long as those volunteers provide direct services for victims. Examples would include training volunteers to provide crisis intervention and supervision of those volunteers.

5. Is there a limitation on the types of sexual assault that SASP Formula Program funds may be used to address?

No, SASP Formula Program funds may be used to address intimate partner, stranger and non-stranger sexual assault, as well as adult, adolescent, and child sexual violence, regardless of when the assault occurred. Both male and female victims may be served.

6. May SASP Formula Program funds be used to address domestic violence?

No, funds must be used to provide services to victims of sexual assault. In cases when victims of domestic violence disclose a history of sexual assault, including by a current or former intimate partner, services may be provided with SASP funding to the extent that such victim expresses a need for services related to the sexual assault. For example, SASP funds could support accompaniment of victims to sexual assault forensic medical exams but could not be used to support a general domestic violence-related crisis shelter.

7. May SASP Formula Program funds be used for advocate/staff training?

SASP funds may be used to train program staff (volunteer or employee) who will provide specific grant-funded victim services but may not be used to provide generalized statewide training. For example, funds may be used to support skill-building training on providing sexual assault advocacy services or training on a particular therapeutic technique to assist SASP-funded counselors/therapists in providing more effective therapy. The amount of funds spent on training should represent only a small portion of the overall grant.

8. May SASP Formula Program funds be used for trainings on sexual assault for other professionals (e.g., for law enforcement officers, mental health professionals, prosecutors, etc.)?

No, SASP funds must be used for direct services. They may not be used for general training, nor may they be used to develop training curricula.

9. May SASP subgrantees serve adult survivors of child sexual abuse or other survivors of a non-recent assault?

Yes. There are no limits on when the assault must have occurred or the age of victimization. Both male and female victims may be served.

10. May SASP Formula Program funds be used for Sexual Assault Nurse/Forensic Examiner programs?

No. SASP funds cannot support activities that are conducted by or inherent to the criminal justice system such as sexual assault nurse/forensic examiner programs, law enforcement investigations, and/or prosecution of sex crimes. However, SASP funds can support advocates accompanying a victim through any aspect of the criminal justice system.

11. May SASP Formula Program funds be used for Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs)?

No. However, if an advocate position is funded under the grant, the advocate's time in attending SART meetings may be covered as part of the advocacy they provide.

12. May SASP Formula Program funds support a hotline?

Yes, to the extent that the hotline is for sexual assault victims. If the hotline covers a broader array of issues, the costs of the hotline should be pro-rated according to the percentage of calls that are for sexual assault. Moreover, for a multi-issue hotline to receive SASP funds, the employees or volunteers who staff the hotline would need to have sexual assault-specific training.

13. May SASP Formula Program funds be used for women's only or men's only support groups?

A recipient may provide women's only and men's only support groups, but only if it is necessary to the essential operation of the program that these support groups be segregated by sex. Even if a recipient can establish that sex-specific support groups are necessary to the essential operation of the program, the recipient is still required to provide "comparable services" to victims who cannot be served by the sex-specific support groups.

14. Can SASP Formula Program funds awarded be used towards items such as rent, office supplies, computer equipment, or office furniture?

Yes, if the grant is also funding a staff or contract position to provide direct services. The office space and other office items (e.g., computer, phone, desk, etc.) associated with this position may be charged to the grant.