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## **Governor Laura Kelly Announces Over \$1.4M to Keep Families Free From Violence**

*~~Funds will Support Survivors of Domestic Violence and  
Increase Child Visitation Services~~*

**TOPEKA** – Governor Laura Kelly today announced \$1.46 million has been awarded to Kansas to prevent family, domestic, and dating violence; to support victims of such violence; and to safely increase noncustodial parents’ time with their children.

“We have a responsibility to do all we can to keep families safe and free from violence,” **Governor Kelly said.** “This funding will support the crucial work our victim advocate groups, nonprofits, and local communities do on this front to prevent domestic violence and support survivors.”

The funds come from the Federal Health and Human Services for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and the Federal State Access and Visitation Program (SAVP).

This funding will go toward increasing awareness of and preventing family, domestic, and dating violence; and to providing immediate shelter and support services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, along with their dependents. FVPSA-funded programs provide outreach, shelter, support groups, crisis intervention, advocacy in obtaining protection from abuse orders, court accompaniment, transportation, and prevention education in schools and communities.

**2023 Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Grant Awards**

<b>County</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$46,823
Barton	Family Crisis Center	\$57,616
Butler	Family Life Center	\$55,743
Crawford	Safehouse Crisis Center	\$68,313
Douglas	The Willow Domestic Violence Center	\$72,075
Ellis	Options: Domestic & Sexual Violence Services	\$76,675
Finney	Family Crisis Services	\$54,006
Ford	Crisis Center of Dodge City	\$51,279
Harvey	Harvey Co. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force	\$53,360
Johnson	SAFEHOME	\$150,178
Leavenworth	Alliance Against Family Violence	\$53,135
Lyon	SOS	\$54,076
Reno	BrightHouse	\$56,166
Riley	Crisis Center	\$75,637
Saline	Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas	\$66,231
Sedgwick	Catholic Charities, Harbor House	\$84,878
Sedgwick	Wichita Family Crisis Center	\$97,309
Seward	Liberal Area Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Services	\$49,484
Shawnee	YWCA Center for Safety & Empowerment	\$77,561
Wyandotte	Friends of Yates	\$67,212
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,367,757</b>

The SAVP grants will increase noncustodial parents' access to and time with their children and provide services that benefit both parents with safeguards in place to minimize the risk of family violence for program participants. SAVP-funded agencies provide on-site supervision, exchange monitoring, therapeutic supervision, recording observations of visits, referrals to other services, and educational parenting classes.

<b>2023 Federal State Access and Visitation Program</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$7,871
Cloud	12 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Supervised Visitation Service	\$6,102
Crawford	Safehouse Crisis Center	\$9,213
Douglas	TFI Family Services-Lawrence	\$6,482
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$14,671
Lyon	SOS	\$10,469
Reno	BrightHouse	\$15,553
Riley	Sunflower CASA Project	\$7,877
Sedgwick	TFI Family Services-Wichita	\$8,443
Shawnee	TFI Family Services-Topeka	\$8,318
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,999</b>

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