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Governor Laura Kelly Announces \$6.5M in Grants for Sexual and Domestic Violence Programs, Child Advocacy Centers, CASA Programs

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced nearly \$6.5 million in state grants have been awarded to continue improving services for adult and child crime survivors.

The funding comes from State General Funds and will go toward nonprofits offering counseling, shelters, the statewide language-accessible crisis line, safety planning, advocacy for sexual and domestic violence survivors, and training for community-based direct service providers.

Governor Kelly has long supported funding for violence prevention services. Last year, the Governor successfully pushed to fund Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) programs through the State General Fund to ensure stable funding for the program.

“We have a responsibility to do all we can to protect victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault,” **Governor Kelly said.** “These grants will strengthen our services and provide support to those who need it most.”

Children’s Advocacy Centers coordinate investigation and intervention services for abused children by bringing together professionals and agencies across disciplines. Funding ensures staff is trained in conducting sensitive forensic interviews of child abuse victims and providing advocacy services for victims and

non-offending caregivers. The funds are also used to coordinate multi-disciplinary case review teams to improve services.

CASA Programs recruit, train, and support citizen volunteers to advocate in court for the best interests of abused and neglected children. Grant funds are used to train staff and volunteers to help abused and neglected children obtain a permanent and safe placement. The volunteers advocate for the best interest of a child by providing information in court to assist judges with making the most well-informed decision for each child.

2023 State General Fund for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Grant Awards

County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$150,056
Barton	Family Crisis Center, Inc.	\$246,190
Butler	Family Life Center	\$90,563
Crawford	Safehouse Crisis Center	\$247,189
Douglas	The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center	\$128,597
Douglas	The Willow Domestic Violence Center	\$231,148
Ellis	Options: Domestic & Sexual Violence Services	\$212,972
Finney	Family Crisis Services	\$119,329
Ford	Crisis Center of Dodge City	\$71,010
Harvey	Harvey Co. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force	\$239,774
Johnson	SAFEHOME	\$266,975
Leavenworth	Alliance Against Family Violence	\$79,570
Lyon	SOS	\$227,666
Reno	BrightHouse	\$143,799

Riley	Crisis Center	\$394,430
Saline	Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas	\$367,043
Sedgwick	Catholic Charities, Harbor House	\$186,413
Sedgwick	StepStone	\$69,672
Sedgwick	Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center	\$283,894
Sedgwick	Wichita Family Crisis Center	\$204,147
Seward	Liberal Area Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Services	\$188,348
Shawnee	Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence	\$422,408
Shawnee	YWCA Center for Safety & Empowerment	\$238,421
Wyandotte	Friends of Yates	\$347,595
Wyandotte	Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	\$174,154
	TOTAL	\$5,331,363

2023 Children's Advocacy Centers Grant Awards

County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$53,645
Barton	Family Crisis Center	\$62,528
Butler	Sunlight Children's Services	\$50,632
Cloud	North Central Kansas CASA	\$14,346
Crawford	Children's Advocacy Center	\$49,798
Ford	Meadowlark House Child Advocacy Center	\$33,808
Harvey	Heart to Heart	\$48,150

Johnson	Sunflower House	\$116,115
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$47,117
Lyon	SOS	\$45,751
Reno	Horizons Mental Health Center	\$68,321
Riley	Sunflower CASA Project	\$35,984
Saline	Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$39,940
Scott	Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center	\$48,253
Sedgwick	Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County	\$120,879
Sedgwick	Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas	\$60,275
Shawnee	LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center	\$63,982
	TOTAL	\$959,524

2023 Casa Grant Awards

County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	CASA of the 31 st Judicial District	\$6,881
Barton	Central Kansas CASA	\$7,417
Bourbon	Bourbon County CASA of the 6 th Judicial District	\$7,384
Butler	Tri-County CASA	\$8,379
Cloud	North Central Kansas CASA	\$5,761
Douglas	Douglas County CASA	\$15,169
Ellis	CASA of the High Plains	\$5,223
Finney	Spirit of the Plains CASA	\$7,203

Ford	CASA-Children Worth Saving	\$6,554
Franklin	CASA of the 4 th Judicial District	\$4,750
Geary	CASA of the 8 th Judicial District	\$9,576
Harvey	CASA: A Voice for Children	\$6,668
Johnson	CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties	\$38,518
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$7,592
Lyon	SOS, CASA of the Flint Hills	\$10,195
Phillips	CASA of the 17 th Judicial District	\$4,495
Riley	Sunflower CASA Project	\$13,746
Saline	Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$8,587
Sedgwick	Roots and Wings, CASA of Sedgwick County	\$15,155
Shawnee	CASA of Shawnee County	\$15,217
	TOTAL	\$204,470

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