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Governor Kelly Awards Nearly \$18.5M for Sexual and Domestic Violence Programs, Children's Advocacy Centers, and CASA Programs

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that \$18,489,169 in state grants have been awarded to provide services for adult and child crime survivors. Governor Kelly and the bipartisan Legislature increased the state grant funds to sustain Kansas programs that experienced a 40 percent decrease in funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Program.

“The services that children’s advocacy centers, court-appointed advocates, and domestic violence and sexual assault programs provide are an essential part of survivors getting the justice they deserve,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “These grants ensure communities across Kansas have the resources and services needed to assist crime victims in their time of need.”

The funding comes from state general funds and will go toward 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.

Domestic violence and sexual assault programs provide shelter, advocacy, and safety planning for people who experience domestic violence or sexual assault. These programs also provide services and vital safety-related information to those who call the statewide language-accessible crisis line (888-END-ABUSE: 888-363-2287).

Children’s Advocacy Centers are child-focused programs that operate within Kansas communities to coordinate a multidisciplinary response to child abuse cases. Funds

are used to hire and train staff to conduct child-sensitive forensic interviews of sexual and physical abuse victims, and to provide advocacy services for victims and non-offending caregivers.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Programs provide training and support to court-appointed citizen volunteers. The volunteers work with the courts and legal and child welfare professionals to obtain permanent and safe placements for children who have been abused and neglected.

2024 SGF for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Grant Awards		
County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$507,512
Barton	Family Crisis Center, Inc.	\$605,586
Butler	Family Life Center	\$166,826
Crawford	Safehouse Crisis Center	\$502,319
Douglas	The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center	\$347,350
Douglas	The Willow Domestic Violence Center	\$634,188
Ellis	Options: Domestic & Sexual Violence Services	\$545,296
Finney	Family Crisis Services	\$417,552
Ford	Crisis Center of Dodge City	\$142,545
Harvey	Harvey Co. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force	\$768,264
Johnson	SAFEHOME	\$916,016
Leavenworth	Alliance Against Family Violence	\$231,546
Lyon	SOS	\$619,388
Reno	BrightHouse	\$455,883

Riley	Crisis Center	\$1,008,829
Saline	Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas	\$1,119,543
Sedgwick	Catholic Charities, Harbor House	\$498,810
Sedgwick	StepStone	\$372,942
Sedgwick	Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center	\$715,473
Sedgwick	Wichita Family Crisis Center	\$633,646
Seward	Liberal Area Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Services	\$418,187
Shawnee	Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence	\$957,862
Shawnee	YWCA Center for Safety & Empowerment	\$516,712
Wyandotte	Friends of Yates	\$896,203
Wyandotte	Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	\$832,328
	TOTAL	\$14,830,806

2024 Children's Advocacy Centers Grant Awards		
County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$104,050
Barton	Family Crisis Center	\$159,704
Butler	Sunlight Children's Services	\$226,683
Cloud	North Central Kansas CASA	\$46,523

Crawford	Children's Advocacy Center	\$98,023
Douglas	Child Advocacy Center of Douglas County	\$76,632
Ford	Meadowlark House Child Advocacy Center	\$86,815
Harvey	Heart to Heart	\$128,783
Johnson	Sunflower House	\$368,059
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$166,682
Lyon	SOS	\$82,546
Reno	Horizons Mental Health Center	\$142,780
Riley	Sunflower Children's Collective	\$121,063
Saline	Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$119,529
Scott	Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center	\$398,681
Sedgwick	Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County	\$501,779
Sedgwick	Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas	\$146,000
Shawnee	LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center	\$120,979
	TOTAL	\$3,095,311

2024 Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs Grant Awards		
County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	CASA of the 31st Judicial District	\$7,321
Bourbon	Bourbon County CASA of the 6th Judicial District	\$7,783
Butler	Tri-County CASA	\$28,420

Cloud	North Central Kansas CASA	\$9,637
Douglas	Douglas County CASA	\$23,888
Ellis	CASA of the High Plains	\$5,300
Finney	Spirit of the Plains CASA	\$22,105
Ford	CASA-Children Worth Saving	\$36,200
Franklin	CASA of the 4th Judicial District	\$4,977
Geary	CASA of the 8th Judicial District	\$24,341
Harvey	CASA: A Voice for Children	\$26,055
Johnson	CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties	\$93,660
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$17,103
Lyon	SOS, CASA of the Flint Hills	\$17,905
Riley	Sunflower Children's Collective	\$33,550
Saline	Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$19,314
Sedgwick	Roots and Wings, CASA of Sedgwick County	\$51,528
Shawnee	CASA of Shawnee County	\$13,965
Shawnee	Kansas CASA Association	\$120,000
	TOTAL	\$563,052

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