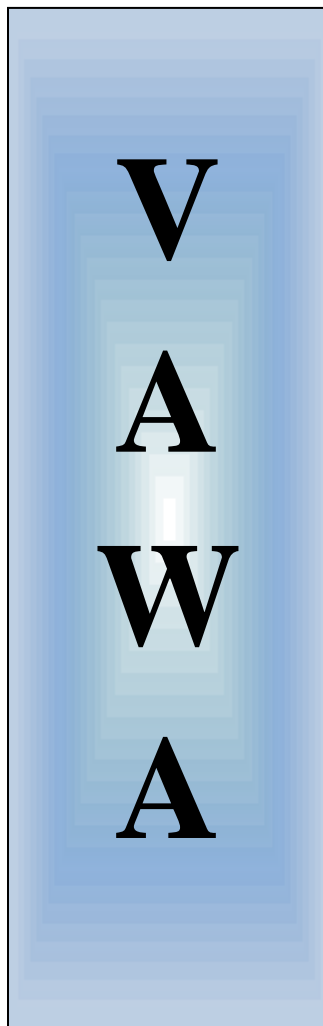




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## Kansas Governor's Grants Program



# FEDERAL S.T.O.P. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT GRANT

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Calendar Year 2023  
Grant Solicitation

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

SUBMIT BY 11:59 p.m. November 14, 2022  
IN THE GRANT PORTAL

For questions regarding application requirements, please contact the  
Kansas Governor's Grants Program (KGGP) at 785-291-3205 or [kggp@ks.gov](mailto:kggp@ks.gov).

# **Federal S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Grant Guidelines**

## **Overview**

The following information provides guidelines and requirements specific to the Federal Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (S.T.O.P. VAWA). The S.T.O.P. VAWA grant was established through the 1995 Violence Against Women Act and subsequent Reauthorization Acts. The S.T.O.P. VAWA supports communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women; develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women; and promote a coordinated community response to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault/rape, and stalking.

According to federal guidelines, the allocation of funds must meet the parameters outlined below.

- A minimum of 25 percent for law enforcement, 25 percent for prosecution, 5 percent to courts, and 30 percent for nonprofit, community, and faith-based victim service organizations. The remaining 15 percent may be allocated at the discretion of the Kansas Governor's Grants Program (KGGP) within the parameters of the Federal S.T.O.P. VAWA guidelines.
- Within the 30 percent of funds allocated to victim services, a minimum of 10 percent will be distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations, defined as organizations providing services that are "primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups."
- A minimum of 20 percent of funds will be allocated to projects that meaningfully address sexual assault, including stranger rape, acquaintance rape, alcohol or drug-facilitated rape, and rape within the context of an intimate partner relationship.
- No more than 5 percent of funds may be used to conduct public awareness or community education campaigns or related activities to broadly address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (project purpose area number 20).

Grant awards are made to communities where applicants can demonstrate work with criminal justice agencies and victim service providers in responding to victims' needs and holding offenders accountable for their actions. Available grant funds may be awarded to units of state and local government; Native American Tribes; and nonprofit, community, or faith-based organizations, including underserved and culturally specific populations. Nonprofit, community, or faith-based organizations must be registered with the Kansas Secretary of State and have proof of exempt status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

## **New Policy Requirement**

If funded, organizations will be required to implement a policy regarding response to workplace-related incidents of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, and dating violence involving an employee, volunteer, consultant, or contractor. Upon request, Subgrantees will be required to

provide a copy of the policy to KGGP staff. Additional information can be found here: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1295756/download>.

## **Funding Availability and Grant Project Period**

The amount of funds available for grant awards is approximately \$3 million. Grant projects funded by this S.T.O.P. VAWA grant program shall be for a period of 12 months from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Any funds not obligated by December 31, 2023, must be returned to the KGGP.

## **Grant Application Deadline**

Grant applications must be submitted via the Grant Portal **by 11:59 p.m. November 14, 2022**.

## **Kansas Implementation Plan**

The 2022-2025 Kansas Implementation Plan was developed to help guide the direction of the S.T.O.P. VAWA grant program. Applicants should review the [Kansas Implementation Plan](#) and ensure its S.T.O.P. VAWA grant proposal reflects the guiding principle, critical priorities, and strategies.

## **Use of Grant Funds**

Grant funds may only be used for one or more of the following federal grant project 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including the appropriate use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. §1101(a)).
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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims.
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 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 older and disabled women 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, 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.
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:
  - 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;
  - Notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency;

- Referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and
  - 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, nonprofit nongovernmental victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments (to be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote:
- 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;
  - 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
  - Development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial, and local victim services providers and domestic violence coalitions.

**NOTE:** Any law enforcement, state, tribal, territorial, or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program shall, on an annual basis, receive specialized training from domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel and, once every two years, provide a report of the adopted protocol to the U.S. Department of Justice, including a summary of progress in implementing such protocol. The KGGP must notify and provide the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) with a list of subgrantee recipients awarded S.T.O.P. VAWA funds under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program and ensuring all subgrantees satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

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 or detention settings. In particular, this will include ensuring the availability of advocacy services for those victims of sexual assault who are incarcerated that meet the standards issued under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA),

including accompaniment during forensic exams and investigatory interviews, crisis intervention, emotional support services, and referrals, as well as training for those advocates. For further information regarding the PREA standards, applicants may contact the Kansas Department of Corrections PREA Coordinator's office at 785-291-3074.

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 section 249(c) of title 18, United States Code.
20. Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, with not more than five percent of the amount allocated to a state to be used for this purpose.

**Note:** Organizations may provide sex-segregated or sex-specific programming if doing so is necessary to the essential operations of the program, as long as the organization provides comparable services to those who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming.

### **Match Requirements**

The purpose of matching contributions is to increase the resources available to the projects supported by grant funds. Matching contributions of 25 percent (non-federal cash or in-kind services) of the total cost of each S.T.O.P. VAWA grant project (federal grant award plus match) are required for each S.T.O.P. VAWA funded grant project, with the exception of any tribe or nonprofit victim service organization, which are exempt from the match requirement if receiving funds from the 30 percent allocation for victim service organizations.

Example:	Total Grant Project Cost	= \$50,000
	75% Federal Share	= \$37,500
	25% Match	= \$12,500

For purposes of this grant program, in-kind match may include donations of expendable equipment, office supplies, workshop or classroom materials, work space, or the monetary value of time contributed by professional and technical personnel and other skilled and unskilled labor, if the services they provide are an integral and necessary part of a funded grant project. The value placed on donated services must be consistent with the rate of compensation paid for similar work in the applicant's organization. If the required skills are not found in the applicant's organization, the rate of compensation must be consistent with the local labor market. In either case, fringe benefits may be included in the valuation. The value placed on loaned or donated equipment may not exceed its fair market value. The value of donated space may not exceed the fair rental value of comparable space as established by an independent appraisal of comparable space and facilities

in privately owned buildings in the same locality. The basis for determining the value of personnel, services, materials, equipment, and space must be documented. **Volunteer services must be documented and, to the extent feasible, supported by the same methods used by the applicant for its employees.**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) [March 2022 DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) governs the source of the non-federal match. Generally, cash match must be funds from non-federal sources that are committed for the approved grant project. Please refer to the [March 2022 DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for all allowable sources of cash match.

**All funds designated as match are restricted to the same uses as the Federal S.T.O.P. VAWA Grant Project funds and must be expended within the grant project period.**

**The match requirement may be waived if extraordinary need is documented and a request is submitted to the KGGP by the applicant (see Match Waiver Request information on page 20).**

### **Limitations on the Use of Grant Funds**

S.T.O.P. VAWA grant funds cannot be used for the following:

- Support of projects that target violence against children, unless addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against teen victims.
- Purchase of standard issued law enforcement items or equipment, including uniforms, safety vests, shields, weapons, bullets, and armory or to support chemical dependency or alcohol abuse programs that are not an integral part of a court-mandated batterer intervention program.
- Applying for this grant, fundraising, grant writing, lobbying, board development, or research projects or for any training directed at any of these subject areas.
- Magazine subscriptions, printing or disseminating agency newsletters, or membership dues or fees.
- Direct payments to any victim or dependent of a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The use of gift cards for victims or their dependents is not an allowable expenditure.
- Construction; land and/or property acquisitions; modifications to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting); or vehicle purchases are unallowable. This includes mortgage payments.

### **Educational Programming**

Project funds shall only be used to support the development or presentation of a domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking curriculum for primary or secondary schools as it directly relates to project purpose area number 20, which is limited to no more than 5 percent of the state's total S.T.O.P. VAWA award for the year.

Project funds shall only be used to conduct public awareness or community education campaigns or related activities as it directly relates to project purpose area number 20, which is limited to no more than 5 percent of the state's total S.T.O.P. VAWA award for the year.

### **Food and Beverage**

Purchasing food and/or beverages for any meeting, conference, training, or other event is not allowed. No food and/or beverages can be purchased with other funds constituting program income for a federal grant award. This restriction does not impact direct payment of per diem amounts to individuals in a travel status under the applicant's travel policy.

### **Travel-Related Expenses**

Grant project funds shall not be used to reimburse travel-related mileage and meal expenses in excess of the applicant's approved policy rate or the current federal per diem rates, whichever is lower. If the applicant chooses to reimburse at a rate in excess of the current federal rate, per its agency policy, grant funds administered by the KGGP cannot be used to make up the difference.

### **Equipment**

Grant project funds are not allowed to purchase equipment and hardware unless necessary and essential to the grant project's success. For purposes of this application and grant program, equipment is defined as assets with a useful life of one year or more and a cost of **\$5,000** or more.

### **Fringe Benefits**

Grant project funds used for fringe benefit costs shall not be charged to the project at an amount exceeding the proportion of personnel costs supported by S.T.O.P. VAWA funds.

### **Training**

Grant project funds for training or conference attendance outside the State of Kansas are not allowed unless necessary and essential to the grant project's success. The applicant must demonstrate comparable training is not available in Kansas.

### **Activities that Compromise Victim Safety**

Enhancing victim safety and offender accountability is a guiding principle underlying the S.T.O.P. VAWA grant. Experience shows responses by the authorities may have the effect of minimizing or trivializing the offender's behavior. Consistent with the goals of ensuring victim grant projects that include any activities that may jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions. Such activities include:

- Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, income or lack of income, or the age and/or gender of their children;
- Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and/or privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services;



- Procedures or policies that require victims to take certain actions in order to receive services (e.g. seek an order of protection, receive counseling, participate in couples counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek civil or criminal remedies, etc.);
- Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims;
- Project design and budget that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and participants who have limited English proficiency or who are Deaf or hard of hearing;
- The use of pre-trial diversion programs without prior OVW review and approval of the program or the automatic placement of offenders in such programs;
- Couples counseling, family counseling, or any other manner of joint victim-offender counseling as a routine or required response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or in situations in which child sexual abuse is alleged;
- Offering or ordering anger management programs for offenders as a substitute for batterer's intervention programs;
- Policies or procedures that require victims to report the crime to law enforcement, participate in the criminal justice system, or seek a protection or restraining order against the offender, and penalize them for failing to do so;
- Procedures of policies that deny victims and non-abusing parents or caretakers and their children access to services based on their involvement with the perpetrator;
- Requiring survivors to meet restrictive conditions in order to receive services (e.g. background checks of victims, clinical evaluations to determine eligibility for services) or other screening processes that elicit information that is not necessary for services, such as questions about immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, physical or mental health, and work on criminal history that the service provider does not need to know about to provide services safely;
- Relying on batterer intervention programs that do not use court monitoring to hold batterers accountable for their behavior;
- Policies and procedures that fail to account for the physical safety of victims;
- Enforcing or promoting nuisance abatement ordinances, crime-free housing ordinances, or crime-free lease addenda (often associated with crime-free housing programs) that require or encourage the eviction of tenants or residents who may be victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking. See the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for [guidance](#) on how such ordinances and addenda may violate the Fair Housing Act; and
- Policies or procedures that require testing of sexual assault forensic evidence in cases where the victim obtained a medical forensic exam but has not chosen to participate in the criminal justice system.

Misuse of grant funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

### **Supplanting**

S.T.O.P. VAWA funds shall be used to supplement, **not** supplant, other federal, state, or local funds that would otherwise be available for victims of violence against women. The following

guidelines should be used in determining the supplanting of funds. Although the examples provided below relate specifically to staffing scenarios, supplanting is not limited to personnel. Supplanting can occur in any budget line item if sufficient documentation cannot support that a S.T.O.P. VAWA grant award has not replaced funds otherwise available for the same program or purpose.

### Guidance Regarding Supplanting

**Defined:** To reduce federal, state, or local funds for an activity specifically because S.T.O.P. VAWA funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity. S.T.O.P. VAWA funds must be used to **supplement** existing federal, state, or local funds for program activities and may **not replace** federal, state, or local funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose. Additionally, S.T.O.P. VAWA funding may not replace federal, state, or local funding that is required by law. In instances where a question of supplanting arises, the applicant or grantee may be required to substantiate that the reduction in non-S.T.O.P. VAWA resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of S.T.O.P. VAWA funds.

Example 1 Organization A appropriated or otherwise secured funds in FY23 for salary and benefits for two victim advocates. In FY23, Organization A is awarded S.T.O.P. VAWA funds designated for the hiring of two additional victim advocates. Organization A expended the S.T.O.P. VAWA funds as intended, and now has four victim advocates.

In this scenario, Organization A has used S.T.O.P. VAWA funds to supplement existing funds for program activities. Thus, supplanting has **not** occurred. If any of the victim advocates had left the organization during FY23 and Organization A did not follow established recruitment procedures to replace the victim advocates or utilized S.T.O.P. VAWA funding for those positions for other purposes, supplanting **would** have occurred.

Example 2 Organization B appropriated or otherwise secured funds in FY22 for salary and benefits for two victim advocates. Due to budget projections for FY23, Organization B expects to lay off one victim advocate (facts that Organization B is able to substantiate). In FY23, Organization B is awarded S.T.O.P. VAWA funds designated for hiring one additional victim advocate. At the beginning of FY23, Organization B lays off one victim advocate and uses S.T.O.P. VAWA funds to continue the salary and benefits for the other victim advocate.

In this scenario, Organization B will use S.T.O.P. VAWA funds to pay the salary and benefits for the one victim advocate who would have been laid off but for the availability of S.T.O.P. VAWA funds. Therefore, supplanting has **not** occurred.

Example 3 Organization C appropriates or otherwise secures funds in FY23 for salary and benefits for two victim advocates. Organization C plans to use S.T.O.P. VAWA funds to pay the salaries of two additional victim advocates. Subsequently, however, Organization C opts to use two current experienced employees for this effort and uses S.T.O.P. VAWA funds to pay their salaries and benefits. In doing so, Organization C determined that the remaining employees could handle the services and did not attempt to backfill the positions.

In this scenario, by replacing existing funds with S.T.O.P. VAWA funds, supplanting **has** occurred. Although Organization C may use experienced staff to fill the new S.T.O.P. VAWA-funded victim advocate positions, use of the S.T.O.P. VAWA funds has not **supplemented** funds for program activities, but has **replaced** those funds through Organization C's decision not to hire replacements for staff designated for S.T.O.P. VAWA-funded activities.

### **Consultation and Documentation Requirement**

Applications must include written documentation showing tribal or local prosecution, law enforcement, courts, and government agencies have consulted with tribal or local victim services programs during development of their grant applications to ensure that proposed activities and equipment acquisitions promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

### **Grant Recipient Compliance and Reporting Requirements**

Applicants awarded S.T.O.P. VAWA funds are expected to comply with the S.T.O.P. VAWA grant program requirements set out in the grant assurances, reporting requirements, and any requirements arising as a result of a compliance review. The KGGP will conduct a compliance review of each S.T.O.P. VAWA award. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension or termination of grant funding.

In addition, subgrantees must comply with the provisions of the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards, [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#); and the [March 2022 DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), which includes maintaining appropriate programmatic and financial records that fully disclose the amount and disposition of S.T.O.P. VAWA funds. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Financial documentation for disbursements;
- Daily time and activity records specifying time and type of service devoted to allowable S.T.O.P. VAWA activities;
- Grant project files;
- The portion of the grant project supplied by other sources of revenue;
- Job descriptions;
- Contracts for services;
- Statistical documentation; and
- Other records that facilitate an effective audit, and grant analysis for compliance.

Agencies receiving a S.T.O.P. VAWA grant are required to submit the following reports:

- Copy of the current **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan Certification** verifying such has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Civil Rights.
- **Five Most Highly Compensated Officers Certification** must be submitted to open the award.
- Monthly **Financial Status Report** provides fiscal information on expenditures made during the month. Monthly reimbursements are made based on these expenditure reports. These reports are due 20 calendar days after the end of each month.
- The **Grant Project Narrative Report** provides a narrative description of the activities and services provided with grant funds. The report is due January 20, 2024.
- The **Projection of Final Expenditures Report** is due October 20, 2023.
- The **Annual Progress Report** is due 20 days following the end of the grant project period.

Any other reports that may be required by the federal government or the KGGP.

Agencies submitting late, incorrect, or incomplete reports will not receive payment until the next scheduled payments for grant programs. Repeatedly late reports, failure to submit reports or supporting documentation required by the grant assurances, or failure to respond to compliance review findings in the timeframe provided will result in the suspension of grant funds.

Copies of all financial and statistical supporting documentation must be maintained by the agency for a period of five years following the closeout of the grant award.

## **Review of Applications**

A grant review committee may assist the KGGP in determining S.T.O.P. VAWA grant awards. Applicants will be notified via the Grant Portal of the grant award decision. Please do not call regarding the status of an application.

Each grant application will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Applicant's support of the Guiding Principle, critical priorities, and strategies of the [Kansas Implementation Plan](#);
- Record of successful implementation of services in the victim services/criminal justice field;
- Quality of any needs assessment in terms of proposed services;
- Demonstration of clear, measurable, and appropriate grant project objectives and activities consistent with the purpose areas outlined in the grant application instructions;
- Efficacy of evaluative components, both programmatic and fiscal;

- Relevant budget information;
- Submission of all required documents and a complete application; and
- Applicant agency’s ability to fulfill all of the requirements of the S.T.O.P. VAWA grant program.

Applications submitted incomplete, with *any* missing components or information, will receive consideration only after all other successfully completed applications have been considered.

## **Application Requirements**

Please read the S.T.O.P. VAWA solicitation and requirements before completing the grant application. Submit application documents in 12 pt. Times New Roman, number the pages of the Project Narrative, and title each document filename as indicated below. Do not submit any section of the application in landscape format. Do not submit any items not specified in the instructions.

The application must include the following items:

- \_\_\_\_\_ General Information (completed in Grant Portal)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Project Narrative (separate document to upload – not to exceed 10 pages)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Project Budget (completed in Grant Portal)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Budgets (separate documents to upload)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Management Capacity (separate document to upload)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Match Waiver Request, if applicable (separate document to upload)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of 501(c)(3) status, if applicable (separate document to upload)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate of Good Standing, if applicable (separate document to upload)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter Regarding Consultation, if applicable (separate document to upload)

## **General Information (completed in Grant Portal)**

Applicants must complete the General Information page online. Please note the language provided in the “Brief Description of Proposed Grant Project” field may be utilized on public websites and documents to describe the purpose of the grant project.

## **Project Narrative (separate document to upload - not to exceed 10 pages)**

The following items must be included in the Project Narrative. Include each item in the order listed below and clearly label each section. The Project Narrative pages shall be numbered and shall not exceed 10 pages in length.

### **Problem Statement and Needs Assessment**

The submission of an application presumes there is a definable problem that will be addressed by the requested grant funds. Provide a detailed explanation of the problem that will be addressed, either in whole or in part, with the requested grant funds. Provide data supporting the problem to be addressed in the grant application and site the source of the data provided. Describe how the grant funds will address the problem. Describe any needs assessment used to develop the problem statement, such as an evaluation of agency service activity or other assessment. If the applicant is

comparing local data to state or national data, include information establishing the need locally or describing why the local community is limited in resources to address the problem.

**Justification of Need for Grant Funds/Increase Request**

Applicants must explain why S.T.O.P. VAWA funds are needed to support the grant project. This justification must tie the financial need to the described problem statement and needs assessment. If the applicant received a 2022 S.T.O.P. VAWA award, explain why grant funds are needed to support the continuation of the project and why other funds are not available to support the project. In addition, if the applicant is requesting a new budget line item or funding increase to line items from the previous grant award, explain the need for additional funds and what additional activities and/or services will be provided. Describe how the increase or addition of the new line item(s) is not supplanting other funds, per the definition in Supplanting section of application. If the expenses are existing agency costs or activities, the non-supplanting explanation must include a description of how they were previously supported and why that support cannot continue to be utilized. The applicant must ensure any request for additional funds outlined in the Project Narrative corresponds to the grant project budget submitted. The applicant should state whether other funds have been sought to support the program and describe the outcome of those efforts.

**Grant Project Goal(s) and Objectives**

State the goal(s) of the proposed grant project. This should not be the goals of the agency but should be specific to the proposed S.T.O.P. VAWA-supported project. The goals for the grant project should be consistent with the mission and overall goals of the agency, as well as the results of the needs assessment. Identify which of the 20 grant project purpose area(s) is being addressed by this proposed grant project.

List the objectives to be accomplished to achieve each goal listed. Objectives should be specific, measurable, realistic, and consistent with the goals of the grant project and cover a single event or outcome. Include the activities for each objective and explain how each objective will be measured. The applicant should incorporate the Kansas Implementation Plan Guiding Principle, critical priorities, and strategies, found on pages 22 through 27 of the Plan, to the extent possible. Specifically identify any evidence-based programs and/or practices being incorporated into the proposed objectives and activities.

**Example (follow the format below):**

**Goal I:** Increase victim safety in Shawnee County through sensitive contact with victims and effective prosecution of domestic violence offenders.

Objective	Activities / Time Frame	Person Responsible
1. 90% of victims will be prepared to participate in the criminal justice process	1. Hire Crimes Against Women Prosecutor position to start by February 28, 2023. 2. Victims will be briefed (face to face) on trial proceedings, terminology, and options. March 1 – December 31, 2023	1. Prosecutor and Victim Coordinator

2. 90% of victims will report having received information on available community resources	2(a). Coordinate with community partners to optimize resources and make appropriate referrals. 2(b). Share community resource directory with victims to ensure needs are met. January 1 – December 31, 2023	2. Prosecutor and Victim Coordinator
3. The number of offenders charged will increase by 25% over the prior year	3(a). Warrants in domestic violence cases will be issued and served in a timely manner. January 1 – December 31, 2023 3(b). Offenders who have committed a domestic violence offense will be charged by the prosecutor in a timely manner. January 1 – December 31, 2023.	3. Prosecutor and Investigator
<p>The example Goal/Objectives/Activities incorporates the Guiding Principle by ensuring the Prosecutor and Victim Coordinator will work with law enforcement and other community partners to ensure victims receive the resources and referrals to best meet their needs. Priorities 2 and 4 and Strategy 1 are addressed through coordinating with community partners on resource sharing to strengthen victims’ services and protocols in domestic violence cases.</p>		

**Grant Project Performance Measures and Results**

Applicants receiving S.T.O.P. VAWA funds will be required to demonstrate how the grant project was implemented and if the project achieved the results expected based on the data collected and evaluated. The applicant should incorporate the Kansas Implementation Plan Guiding Principle, critical priorities, and strategies, found on pages 22 through 27 of the Plan, to the extent possible. Please describe the following information:

- Process used for monitoring the implementation, progress, and outcomes of the grant project;
- What data will be collected;
- How the data collected will be used to ensure the success of the grant project;
- Criteria used to evaluate the activities and/or services provided through the proposed grant project;
- How the proposed objectives are measured and how it will determine whether the proposed grant project is effectively and efficiently reaching the proposed goals and objectives; and
- What the grant project will achieve.

**Grant Project Staff**

Provide a list of each staff member to be funded with the grant along with staff who will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the grant project. Include the name, title, and a brief job description for each staff listed. In addition, describe how this staffing pattern will help meet the goals of the grant project.

**Coordinated Community Response Information**

Grant funds are maximized when community agencies work together at all levels. Funding priority shall be given to agencies demonstrating and maintaining collaboration. Describe how the applicant is developing a coordinated community response in addressing crimes against women.

The description must include who is involved and the actions taken by the group (i.e. developed protocols, training). If the grant project is statewide, describe what technical assistance or networking will be provided to local communities.

In addition, provide the following information:

- How and with what entities the applicant collaborates with or proposes to collaborate with to carry out the grant project and coordinate resources for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- Point of contact for each agency the applicant will collaborate with in providing services or making referrals during the grant period.
- How the applicant will cooperate with law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys' offices, courts, and other governmental or nonprofit agencies.
- Any new collaborative efforts the applicant will undertake during the grant period and the impact the collaboration will have on the grant project.
- How collaboration with units of government and/or with organizations will maximize grant funds.
- How S.T.O.P. VAWA funds will fulfill a gap in service and avoid duplication of services or resources in the applicant agency, related agency, or community.

### **Underserved and Culturally Specific Populations**

Define the underserved and culturally specific populations identified in the agency's service area, including those that may be underserved because of race, ethnic, and cultural background, language diversity, persons with disabilities, or geographic isolation. Use [local data](#) to support the populations identified as underserved and culturally specific. Provide the applicant's plan, including a description of the steps taken to provide outreach and services to the underserved and culturally specific populations.

### **Sustainability**

Provide a detailed description explaining what efforts made, or to be made, to ensure the long-term fiscal and programmatic sustainability of the project and program. The applicant must detail how the project will be funded in future years if S.T.O.P. VAWA funding declines or is not available.

### **Dissemination of Crime Victims' Rights Information**

Describe the applicant's written procedures for assisting victims of crime in seeking available crime victims' compensation benefits and informing crime victims of their rights as provided by law. The procedures must detail how victims will be informed of their statutory rights as provided in K.S.A. 74-7333 and amendments thereto.

### **Civil Rights Contact Information**

Applicants must include the name, address, and telephone number of the civil rights contact person who is responsible for ensuring all applicable civil rights requirements are met and who will act as liaison in civil rights matters.



### **Current Board President Contact Information**

If the applicant is a nonprofit agency, it must include the name, contact information, and the term of service, including beginning and ending dates, for the current Board President.

### **System for Award Management (SAM) Registration and Unique Entity Identifier**

Applicants must establish and maintain an active registration status in the [SAM](#). The applicant must provide 1) the agency's 12-character unique entity identifier provided in the agency's SAM registration profile, and 2) the current SAM expiration date.

### **Current Audit Report**

All applicants **must** provide information in this section of the Project Narrative on when the organization's most recent financial audit was completed, who performed the audit, what period it covered, whether the applicant met the threshold for a Single Audit, and where the audit is filed.

If the KGGP has **not** received a copy of the organization's most recent audit report, including the Single Audit report if applicable, and IRS Form 990, those items must be forwarded by U.S. mail to: Kansas Governor's Grants Program, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Room 304 North, Topeka, KS 66612-1220. Include with the audit the Auditor's Letter to Management if applicable. If there are any findings and/or recommendations in the audit report or in the Letter to Management, explain how the findings and/or recommendations were, or will be, addressed by the applicant.

If the agency is a city or county government, a current audit does not need to be submitted. However, governmental agencies **must** provide information in this section of the Project Narrative on when the most recent audit was completed, who performed the audit, what period it covered, and where the audit is filed.

### **Grant Project Budget (completed in Grant Portal)**

The applicant must submit a reasonable and cost-effective grant project budget. All grant project-specific budget information is completed online within the provided data fields of the Grant Portal. No *grant project* budgetary documents are uploaded as part of the application.

Requested line items must be clearly linked to the proposed activities to be conducted in achieving the goals and objectives of the grant project. The budget must adhere to allowable costs and activities as outlined in this S.T.O.P. VAWA solicitation; Federal OMB Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards, [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#); and the [March 2022 DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

The KGGP must allocate a minimum of 25 percent for law enforcement, 25 percent for prosecution, 5 percent to courts, and 30 percent for nonprofit, community, and faith-based victim service organizations. The remaining 15 percent may be allocated at the discretion of the KGGP within the parameters of the Federal S.T.O.P. VAWA guidelines. To assist the KGGP in documenting these allocations, applicants must indicate in the grant project budget the purpose for each line item by utilizing the appropriate field or fields: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts, Victim Services, Discretionary, and/or Match. The allocation of requested grant project funds must correlate with the applicant's goals and objectives.

A detailed calculation and brief narrative explanation must be provided in the Description field of each line item. Calculations shall clearly demonstrate how the requested amounts were derived and must account for both the federal funds requested and the non-federal match provided, including the match source(s). Any tribe or nonprofit victim service organization receiving funds from the 30 percent allocation for victim service organizations are exempt from the match requirement. Personnel must be listed by the agency-assigned title for the position. Positions should be classified as “New” *only if* the requested position would be a new position for the agency. Personnel and associated fringe benefit costs must be demonstrated in terms of full compensation and the percentage of time to be devoted to the S.T.O.P. VAWA grant project for each position requested. Fringe benefit costs shall not be allocated to a position at a rate exceeding the portion of personnel costs requested in the S.T.O.P. VAWA Personnel category. Training events and other travel costs must be specifically identified to the extent possible. Following are examples of descriptions that might be used for line-item requests. Visit [Writing a Grant Project Budget](#) for more guidance.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Prosec.</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Description</u>
Advocate	\$23,985	\$ 7,995	Full-time, hourly, 40 hrs./wk., 100% of time on project; employee scheduled to receive a 5% raise on July 1: (\$15.00/hr. x 1,040 hrs.) + (\$15.75 x 1,040 hrs.) = \$31,980, 75% federal/ 25% match is City of ‘x’ general funds
Attorney	\$30,750		Full-time, salaried, 60% of time on project; approved for 5% raise on July 1: (\$50,000 x .5 year) + (\$52,500 x .5 year) = \$51,250 x .6 of time = \$30,750
Volunteers (In-Kind)	\$ 0	\$10,250	Volunteers will provide phone and victim follow-up assistance: \$10/hr. based on comparable compensation x 1,025 hours
Conferences/ Workshops	\$ 735	\$ 245	Crime Victims’ Rights Conference, May 2023, Wichita: (\$150 registration x 2 staff) + (200 miles x \$.50/mile x 1 vehicle) + (\$100/night x 2 nights x 2 staff) + per diem \$45/day less \$15 for lunch provided x 3 days x 2 staff) = \$980, 75% federal/25% match is city funds

**Current and Next Fiscal Year Agency Budgets (separate document to upload)**

Upload the applicant’s current and next fiscal year budgets, including balanced **income and expenses**. Include the fiscal period utilized by the agency. List all staff positions separately with their respective salaries/wages. If the applicant is under the umbrella of a larger entity, submit the budget developed for the applying program. Agency income must list **all** sources of financial support (i.e. foundations, government agencies, fund-raising events, individual contributions). For each income source, state the amount and its status (received, requested, committed, or projected). If the income is requested or projected, state the date the program expects to be notified of the funding decision or the date the program anticipates collecting the income. Include the appropriate pro-rated portion of this grant application request as budgeted income with a “requested” status. Also, be sure all line items requested in this application can be found in the program’s budget for expenses.

Example of budget income only:

Current Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

SOURCE:	AMOUNT:	STATUS:	DATE:
City of 'x'	\$100,000	Projected	1/23
United Way	5,000	Received	9/22
Walk-A-Thon	500	Collected	8/22
VAWA '22-GOV	31,230	Received	12/21
VAWA '23-GOV	<u>30,600</u>	Requested	11/22
Total Organization Income	\$167,330		

**\*Note:** -Budget expenses are also required.  
-Repeat for next Fiscal Year.

**Grant Management Capacity (separate document to upload)**

In accordance with requirements described in the Federal OMB Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, the KGGP must assess the applicant's ability and capacity to implement the proposed S.T.O.P. VAWA project in full compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of a grant award. Applicants must upload as an attachment a document describing the following information:

- Written accounting policies and procedures and how often they are updated;
- Procedures for ensuring each grant award and associated match is accounted for separately and distinctly from other sources of revenue;
- Accounting system, when the current system was implemented, its level of automation, and type(s) of technology utilized, and any manual accounting processes used to complement the system;
- Procedures for monitoring the approved grant project budget and tracking expenditures at a line item level;
- Internal controls for ensuring grant project expenditures are solely for allowable and approved purposes;
- Reserve funds and/or capacity to manage S.T.O.P. VAWA funding on a reimbursement basis;
- Knowledge, qualifications, experience, and training of programmatic and fiscal staff responsible for guaranteeing grant compliance; and
- Experience in managing other grant funds awarded to the applicant agency, including the name of the grant program, the purpose of the program, the year(s) awarded, whether any monitoring was conducted by the funder(s), and what findings were cited by the funder(s).

**Match Waiver Request (separate document to upload)**

If a subgrantee is unable to meet the match requirement a match waiver request, either full and partial, must be uploaded as an Attachment as part of the VAWA grant application. The VAWA applicant must provide written responses to the following questions before a match waiver request will be considered:

1. If this applicant currently receives VAWA funds, provide how the match is currently being provided on the VAWA grant award?
2. What extenuating circumstances exist impeding the applicant's ability to partially or fully match the VAWA grant funds requested?
3. Has the applicant considered all possible options for meeting the match with in-kind and cash sources that are not being used as match on another federal grant?
4. What methods has the applicant used to consider all possible options for meeting the match requirements?
5. What steps does the applicant plan to take in order to be able to meet the match requirements in the future?
6. If a match waiver is approved, does the applicant anticipate this is a one-time request or are there extenuating circumstances that will require a waiver if applying for subsequent VAWA funding?
7. How would the denial of a match waiver impact the applicant's VAWA grant project and would it require the applicant to decline all or part of the grant award if a waiver is not granted?

### **Proof of 501(c)(3) (separate document to upload)**

If the applicant is a nonprofit, community, or faith-based organization, upload as an attachment proof of the applicant's exempt status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Certificate of Good Standing (separate document to upload)**

If the applicant is a nonprofit, community, or faith-based organization, upload as an attachment a current (less than one year old) copy of the applicant's Certificate of Good Standing from the Kansas Secretary of State's Office (KSOS), available by calling (785) 296-4564 or by visiting the KSOS website, <https://www.kssos.org/business/certificates-of-good-standing.html>.

### **Letter Regarding Consultation (separate document to upload)**

If the applicant is a tribal or local prosecution, law enforcement, or court entity, submit documentation showing consultation has occurred with tribal or local nonprofit victim services programs serving victims of crime against women during the course of developing this grant application. This documentation must be on the victim services program letterhead, be dated, clearly demonstrate an understanding of and support for the applicant's proposed project and be signed by the person in charge of the victim services organization.