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Governor Kelly Awards More than \$28M to Crime Survivor Programs

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that more than \$28 million in state funding has been awarded to Kansas-based organizations that provide services for child and adult crime survivors throughout the state.

“It is critical for survivors of crime to have support and access to services to recover and find a sense of justice,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “These investments ensure Kansans across the state are not left to cope alone after a crime occurs.”

Governor Kelly and the bipartisan Legislature increased the state grant funds to sustain Kansas programs that experienced a decrease in funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Program.

The domestic violence and sexual assault programs, children’s advocacy centers (CACs), and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) programs were awarded a combined \$28,046,331.

Domestic violence and sexual assault programs use state funds to provide shelter, advocacy, and safety planning for people who experience domestic violence or sexual assault. Additionally, staff from these programs provide services and vital safety-related information to those who call the statewide language-accessible

SafeLine Kansas crisis line (Text **SAFE** to 847411 or call 888-363-2287). State funding also supports training for community-based direct service providers.

CACs are child-focused, community-oriented programs that coordinate investigation and intervention services for abused children by bringing together professionals and agencies in a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary model. The CACs use state grant funds to hire and train staff to conduct child-sensitive forensic interviews, to provide advocacy services for victims and non-offending caregivers, and to coordinate multi-disciplinary case review teams and efforts across systems to enhance services.

CASA Programs are community-based programs that recruit, train, and support 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. The funds are used to train the volunteers to perform these duties.

2025 SGF for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Grant Awards		
County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$704,730
Barton	Family Crisis Center, Inc.	\$706,121
Butler	Family Life Center	\$227,554
Crawford	Safehouse Crisis Center	\$720,364
Douglas	The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center	\$503,326
Douglas	The Willow Domestic Violence Center	\$944,633
Ellis	Options: Domestic & Sexual Violence Services	\$913,573
Finney	Family Crisis Services	\$554,121
Ford	Crisis Center of Dodge City	\$186,834

Harvey	Harvey Co. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force	\$1,301,304
Johnson	SAFEHOME	\$1,576,167
Leavenworth	Alliance Against Family Violence	\$329,303
Lyon	SOS	\$807,781
Reno	BrightHouse	\$633,790
Riley	Crisis Center	\$1,598,457
Saline	Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas	\$1,722,912
Sedgwick	Catholic Charities, Harbor House	\$826,057
Sedgwick	StepStone	\$573,828
Sedgwick	Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center	\$1,082,277
Sedgwick	Wichita Family Crisis Center	\$1,174,264
Seward	Liberal Area Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Services	\$581,172
Shawnee	Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence	\$1,090,583
Shawnee	YWCA Center for Safety & Empowerment	\$736,267
Wyandotte	Friends of Yates	\$1,517,066
Wyandotte	Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	\$1,369,713
	TOTAL	\$22,382,197

2025 Children's Advocacy Centers Grant Awards		
County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$121,817
Barton	Family Crisis Center	\$237,869
Butler	Sunlight Children's Services	\$350,512
Cloud	North Central Kansas CASA	\$51,587
Crawford	Children's Advocacy Center	\$124,411
Douglas	Child Advocacy Center of Douglas County	\$95,637
Ford	Meadowlark House Child Advocacy Center	\$119,495
Harvey	Heart to Heart	\$184,389
Johnson	Sunflower House	\$554,261
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$255,063
Lyon	SOS	\$90,394
Reno	Horizons Mental Health Center	\$185,295
Riley	Sunflower Children's Collective	\$165,467
Saline	Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$157,764
Scott	Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center	\$623,576
Sedgwick	Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County	\$821,360
Sedgwick	Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas	\$225,724
Shawnee	LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center	\$151,978
	TOTAL	\$4,516,599

2025 Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs Grant Awards		
County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	CASA of the 31 st Judicial District	\$15,251
Barton	Central Kansas CASA	\$17,397
Bourbon	Bourbon County CASA of the 6 th Judicial District	\$17,713
Butler	Tri-County CASA	\$49,558
Cloud	North Central Kansas CASA	\$26,013
Cowley	CASA of Cowley County	\$10,956
Douglas	Douglas County CASA	\$51,251
Ellis	CASA of the High Plains	\$10,526
Finney	Spirit of the Plains CASA	\$47,152
Ford	CASA-Children Worth Saving	\$63,345
Franklin	CASA of the 4 th Judicial District	\$9,904
Geary	CASA of the 8 th Judicial District	\$45,973
Harvey	CASA: A Voice for Children	\$51,107
Johnson	CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties	\$202,625
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$51,638
Lyon	SOS, CASA of the Flint Hills	\$55,057
Riley	Sunflower Children's Collective	\$106,180
Saline	Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$64,934
Sedgwick	Roots and Wings, CASA of Sedgwick County	\$102,763
Shawnee	CASA of Shawnee County	\$28,192
Shawnee	Kansas CASA Association	\$120,000
	TOTAL	\$1,147,535