

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
VAWA STOP Special Projects 2011 RFP
Grant Program Guidelines

The Office of Justice Programs will require each grantee to abide by the following requirements in addition to those contained in the Terms and Conditions:

Financial Requirements:

- 1) The grantee's eligible expenditures under this grant contract must be incurred by the grantee by the expiration date of the grant agreement. The grantee will report on all expenditures, interest earned, and interest expended pertaining to this grant contract in WEGO. Final expenditure report must be received no later than 30 days after the Expiration date of this grant contract.
- 2) The grantee shall submit a written budget revision request via WEGO before any expenditure may be made based on the revised budget. Submission of a budget revision is necessary if a) a line item will deviate by \$200 or 10%, whichever is higher, from the approved budget, or b) a new line item that was not part of the approved budget will be created.
- 3) The grantee shall have until 30 days after the expiration date of the grant agreement to liquidate all unpaid obligations related to the program which were incurred on or before the last day of the grant period and to submit a report of all funds received and disbursed. If a report is not submitted within this time period, expenses claimed on the report may be disallowed and OJP may request a refund of those funds from the grantee if the funding was advanced to the grantee.
- 4) The grantee shall retain all financial records for a minimum of six (6) years after the date of submission of the final financial status report, or until completion of an audit which has commenced before the expiration of this six-year period, or until any audit findings and/or recommendations from prior audit(s) have been resolved between the grantee and OJP, whichever is later.

Reporting Requirements:

- 1) Grant Manual: The grantee shall report to the OJP as specified in the Office of Justice Programs' Grant Manual.
- 2) Financial Reporting: The grantee shall submit a financial reporting form to OJP using the Web-Enabled Grant Operations System (WEGO) at least quarterly utilizing within 30 days after the end of the reporting period.
- 3) Progress Reporting: The grantee shall use WEGO to submit a semiannual narrative of the progress achieved towards the accomplishment of the goals and objectives and within 30 days after the end of each six-month period.
- 4) Requirement Changes: OJP may modify or change all reporting forms at their discretion during the grant period.
- 5) Additional Requirements: The grantee shall submit such other reports and attend meetings and training as OJP shall reasonably request.

Other Provisions:

- 1) Evaluation: OJP shall have the authority, during the course of this grant period, to conduct an evaluation of the performance of the grantee.

- 2) Governing Board: The grantee shall provide OJP with current list of their governing board and officers and will notify OJP within two weeks of any changes to the list.
- 3) Special Requirements: OJP reserves the right to include in the grant, at any time during the term of the grant, special administrative requirements deemed necessary to assure the grantee's successful implementation of the program. OJP will notify the Grantee in writing of any special administrative requirements.
- 4) Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Programs: Grantees defined as a domestic violence and/or a sexual assault program under Minnesota Statutes section 13.823, are subject to the following:
 - a) The grantee shall provide to OJP all documentation necessary for the management and oversight of the contract.
 - b) Data given to OJP by the grantee becomes government data subject to chapter 13.
 - c) Personal history information and information from which the identity or location of any victim can be determined are private data protected by 13.822, 611A.32, subdivision 5, 611A.371, subdivision 3, and 611A.46.

VAWA Federal Provisions:

The Grantee is responsible for compliance with all federal requirements imposed on these funds and accepts full financial responsibility for any requirements imposed by the Grantee's failure to comply with federal requirements.

- 1) Supplant: Grantee may not use funds received under this grant contract to supplant or substitute state and local public funds that would otherwise be available for crime victim assistance.
- 2) Audits: The Grantee will comply with the Single Audit Amendments of 1996 and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. An explanation of the Federal Audit Requirements is attached and incorporated and made a part of this grant contract.
- 3) Drug-free Workplace: If this grant contract involves an award of \$25,000.00 or more, Grantee certifies that it has complied with the provisions of the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, P.L. 100-169.
- 4) Debarment and Suspension: Executive Order 12549 on Debarment and Suspension, and the implementing regulation, requires that the Grantee certify it has not been debarred or otherwise excluded from participating in any other transaction with a federal department or agency.
- 5) Lobbying: Federal Restrictions on Lobbying imposed by 31 U.S.C. Section 1352, requires that any organization receiving federal funds certify that no federally appropriated funds will be used, directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of the federal Office on Violence Against Women.
- 6) Victim Compensation Claims: The grantee agrees to assist crime victims in filing claims for compensation.
- 7) Pro-Children Act of 1994: The grantee must comply with Public Law 103-227, Part C - Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act). This Act requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to

children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal Programs either directly or through the State or local governments. Federal programs include grants, cooperative agreements, loans or loan guarantees, and contracts. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug and alcohol treatment.

- 8) Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. The grantee assures it will comply, and all its contractors will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, 42 USC 3789(d), or Victims of Crime Act (as appropriate); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; Subtitle A, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (1990); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Department of Justice Non-Discrimination Regulations, 28 CFR Part 42, Subparts C, D, E, and G; and Department of Justice regulations on disability discrimination, 28 CFR Part 35 and Part 39. Grantee assures that in the event a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office on Violence Against Women. Grantee assures it will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan if required to maintain one, where the application is for \$500,000 or more.
- 9) Publications: Any written, visual, or audio publications, with the exception of press releases, whether published at the the grantee's or OJP's expense, shall contain the following statement:

“This project was supported by Grant No. 2009-WF-AX-0007 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.”

- 10) Violence Against Women Act: Grantee agrees to comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements including the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq., the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, and Office of Violence Against Women's implementing regulations at 28 CFR Part 90.

Agreement to Acknowledge the Program Guidelines are Incorporated Into the Grant Agreement:

By submitting this application, I/we [name of Applicant Organization Representative] as an authorized Representative for [Applicant Organization's Name] the Applicant, acknowledge that I have read the Program Guidelines in their entirety as stated within the Application materials and acknowledge that the Program Guidelines will be incorporated into the Grant Agreement if funds are awarded to the Applicant under this Application.

As authorized, if the Applicant is awarded funds under this Application, I will submit the required documents and certification on behalf of the Applicant Organization.