

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability and Award of Funds

Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Federal STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA) Non-Competitive Grant Programs

Take notice that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (Department) announces the availability and award of non-competitive subawards to develop, continue, expand or strengthen services for victims of violence against women in accordance with the State's federally-required Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 through 2025 Implementation Plan (Plan). These programs are funded with the FFY23 Federal STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA) Formula Grant. Federal regulations governing the Grant Program are set forth at 28 C.F.R. Part 90.

The Department has been designated by the Governor as the State Administering Agency (SAA) responsible for administering the New Jersey VAWA Grant Program. To administer the Grant Program and develop a plan, a New Jersey VAWA Advisory Committee (Committee) was established by the Department consisting of representatives from law enforcement, prosecution, courts, state corrections and human services agencies, and non-profit victim service agencies, including domestic violence and sexual assault organizations. The Committee identified the needs of victims of violence against women and prepared a plan to address these needs. Following the Federal guidelines for funding allocations, the Committee also selected the subrecipient agencies.

A total of \$677,500 is available to fund these non-competitive subawards, contingent upon continued Federal appropriations without reductions, to State, County, and local government agencies and victim service agencies providing direct services to victims of violence against women in the areas of prosecution, law enforcement, courts, and discretionary programs included in the Plan. There will be no grant extensions.

The Department is awarding funds to agencies recommended by the Committee as qualified because of their experience in providing services required by the Plan. Prior to award, each agency will submit an application for review and approval. Funds will be awarded as follows:

New Jersey State Police \$95,000

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinator

Grant Period – January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

New Jersey Department of Corrections \$77,375

“Saving Our Sisters” – A Multicultural Victim’s Service Program

Grant Period – June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts \$198,500

Education and Training on Fundamentals of Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence

Grant Period – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

New Jersey Department of Human Services \$74,500

Education and Training on Domestic and Sexual Violence and Individual with Disabilities

Grant Period – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault – \$77,375

Sexual Assault Training Institute/Public Education Project

Grant Period – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault – \$77,375

Prevention Campaign

Grant Period – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence \$77,375

Prevention Campaign

Grant Period – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Eligible applicants will receive application packages from the Office of the Attorney General, notifying the agency of the award. Notifications will be emailed no later than February 9, 2024. The application must be returned within 45 days of the date on the application letter. **Project narratives will be limited to ten (10) pages in total.** The application must be returned by email to yawa@njoag.gov.

Under this notice, the Federal grant period is from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025. Eligible recipients of the non-competitive FFY23 VAWA program funds will receive application guidelines and all required application forms, via mail or e-mail, that must be completed and submitted by the established due date. An applicant that is designated as a high-risk grantee by L&PS is to submit a separate attachment to its application, information that L&PS will use, among other pertinent information, to determine whether it will consider or select the application for an award under this solicitation. The file should be named “L&PS High-Risk Grantee Applicant

Disclosure and Justification”. Upon approval of project narrative and budget, applicants will receive subaward contract documents for approval and signature. Subrecipients must comply with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements for approval and/or reimbursement of costs incurred during the project period. Funding is contingent upon subrecipient application submissions, compliance with grant conditions, and satisfactory performance of services. All subrecipients will be required to supply matching funds of twenty-five percent towards their project. Eligible non-profit agencies are not required to supply matching funds.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Department of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Department to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Department beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Department to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.

The address* of the office receiving the application:

Erin Zippel, Chief Administrative Officer
Office of the Attorney General
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*The complete application must be returned by email to vawa@njoag.gov.

Award notification will be made on or about April 3, 2024.