

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability and Award of Funds

FFY 2023 Federal STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA), Non-Competitive Domestic Violence Response Team Coordinator Grant Program

Take notice that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (Department) announces the anticipated availability and award of non-competitive subawards to non-profit victim services agencies 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) 2022-25 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 CFR 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, 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 and recommended the funding amounts.

A total of \$1,102,500 is available to fund these twenty-one 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. No matching funds are required.

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

Domestic Violence Response Teams \$1,102,500 Total (\$52,500 per agency)

AVANZAR (Atlantic County)

Bergen County Alternatives to Domestic Violence (Bergen County)

Catholic Charities Providence House – Burlington (Burlington County)

New Jersey Association on Correction (CCWC) (Camden County)

Coalition Against Rape and Abuse, Inc. (Cape May County)

Center for Family Services (Cumberland County)

The Safe House (Essex County)

Center for Family Services (Gloucester County)

WomenRising (Hudson County)

SAFE in Hunterdon (Hunterdon)

WomanSpace, Inc. (Mercer County)

Women Aware (Middlesex County)

180 Turning Lives Around, Inc. (Monmouth County)

Jersey Battered Women's Service, Inc. (Morris County)

Catholic Charities Providence House (Ocean County)

New Jersey Association on Correction (PCWC) (Passaic County)

Salem County Women's Services (Salem County)

Safe+Sound Somerset, Inc. (Somerset County)

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services (Sussex County)

YWCA Eastern Union County (Union County)

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County (Warren County)

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 6, 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 vawa@njoag.gov. The Domestic Violence Response Team Coordinator Grants will have a project period of May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. Matching funds are not required. There will be no grant extensions. This will be the final year of non-competitive funding.

Under this notice, the Federal grant period is 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:

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Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*Only accepting applications via email at vawa@njoag.gov.

Award notification will be made on or about April 1, 2024.