

Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Financial Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Initiative

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172625

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **June 30, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 2, 2026, by 4:59 PM ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice. OVW administers Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants designed to prevent and respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (VAWA crimes).

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **OVW Financial Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Initiative (FAV Initiative)**. Per the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026, Pub. L. No. 119-74, div A, 140 Stat. 6, 26 (CJS Appropriations Act, 2026), these funds provide flexible financial assistance to support victims in achieving safety, stability, and healing by paying for necessities that are not easily supplied by traditional service providers and with the flexibility to fulfill self-identified needs quickly. Eligible applicants are victim service providers, Tribal governments, and Tribal organizations. See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.063
Statutory Authority	CJS Appropriations Act, 2026
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172625
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$2.5 million
Anticipated Number of Awards	16
Award Type	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$150,000
Expected Award Period	24 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	June 2, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Start the process at least 30 days before deadlines
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on June 30, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on July 2, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By September 30, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government Entities

- Federally recognized Tribal governments¹

Nonprofit Entities²

- Victim service providers³
- Tribal nonprofit organizations⁴

Recipients with FAV grants ending by September 30, 2026 may apply but are unlikely to be funded if they have enough funds to carry the project through September 30, 2027.

Entities proposing to pass funds through to another organization instead of assisting victims directly are not eligible to apply.

Faith-based organizations that meet the eligibility requirements for this program are eligible to apply (more information is in the [Application Companion Guide](#)).

Cost sharing and application limit: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match). You may submit more than one application under this NOFO if each application proposes a different project in a different service area. If you submit multiple versions of the same application, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

Additional Eligibility Factors

Disqualifying factors: Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#). In addition, any nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is ineligible.⁵

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Funds must be used for the following purpose:

- Provide survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking with flexible financial assistance for self-identified needs.

¹ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(43).

² With or without 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service.

³ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(50).

⁴ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(44).

⁵ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(ii).

Expected outcomes: OVW will measure success by reviewing a recipient’s submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO. See the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative](#) for more information.

Unallowable activities: For information on program-specific unallowable activities and costs to help you develop your application and budget consistent with program requirements, see the [Application Companion Guide](#) and [Budget section](#) of this NOFO.

Agency Funding Priorities

OVW may give priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the following public-safety priorities (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO):

1. Combatting human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration, transnational criminal organizations, and cartel operations, including projects that strengthen law enforcement investigation and prosecution while supporting safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
2. Projects dedicated to direct victim services, particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

Note: Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OVW considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Program-specific Priority

OVW will give special consideration to applications from states and territories that did not receive funding under the FY 2024 or FY 2025 FAV NOFOs. These states and territories are: AL, AR, AS, CT, DE, GU, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MO, MP, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, PA, PR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VI, VT, WV, WY.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

OVW will only consider applications that contain parts marked ***REQUIRED*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the [OVW website](#).

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	

Application Item	Submission Type
Standard Applicant Information *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Proposal Abstract *REQUIRED*	Text Box
Data Requested with Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-award Risk Assessment 	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Financial Attachments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable) Executive Compensation Disclosure (if applicable) 	Attachment
Additional Application Components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification regarding out-of-scope activities Summary Data Sheet Confidentiality Notice Form Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification (if applicable) 	Attachment

Standard Applicant Information ***REQUIRED***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the [SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov](#) and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Proposal Abstract ***REQUIRED***

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. See example [here](#). As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names).

Data Requested with Application: Pre-award Risk Assessment

Complete this questionnaire in JustGrants. The questions are available [here](#).

Proposal Narrative ***REQUIRED***

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Use the [Proposal Narrative Template](#) on the OVW website. It must be:

- No longer than 5 pages, single-spaced
- In a font no smaller than 11-point
- On correctly numbered pages with one-inch margins
- In a file format openable in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader

- In a table format or use headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections listed below
- Written in plain language

If you do not follow this format, OVW may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which priority(ies) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

1. Purpose of the Project (weighted at 30%)

- Say why you are applying for the grant.
- Identify the project's goals/objectives. Summarize why the goals/objectives were selected, e.g., how the project complements other services, improves services, fills service gaps, and/or responds to a need.
- Describe the communities that will be served.

2. What Will Be Done (weighted at 35%)

- For each project goal, describe:
 - Activities and who is responsible for them;
 - How the applicant will ensure victim safety, privacy, and confidentiality; and
 - Outcomes for knowing the goal was achieved, and how these outcomes will be tracked.

3. Who Will Implement the Project (weighted at 20%)

- Describe the capacity of the applicant to manage and implement a direct financial assistance project.
- Describe the applicant's experience operating the same or a similar project.
- Identify the people who will implement the project. Provide for each person their name, agency/organization, position/title, role in the proposed project activities, and a description of their relevant experience.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget (weighted at 15%) ***REQUIRED***

Use the [Sample Budget Narrative](#) (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Refer to [Budget Information](#) and the [Creating a Budget](#) webinar for more information:

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category. **Total funding requested for 24 months must be no more than \$150,000.**
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities).

- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.⁶
- At least 85% of the budget must be allocated for direct financial assistance for victims.

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs, upload your current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.
- [Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire](#) (if applicable): Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete and upload this form.
- [Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation](#) (nonprofits only): Nonprofit organizations that use the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Safe Harbor Procedure must submit a special disclosure to OVW.⁷

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- [Certification regarding out-of-scope activities](#) letter signed by the Authorized Representative.
 - Note: This certification is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about the certification requirement, see the notice on OVW's [funding opportunities page](#).
- [Summary Data Sheet](#), one to four pages.
- [Confidentiality Notice Form](#), signed by the Authorized Representative, acknowledging the confidentiality requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2).
- [Delivery of Legal Assistance Certification](#), signed by the Authorized Representative, if the application proposes to provide legal assistance to victims.

Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the [disclosures](#), [assurances](#), and [certifications](#) in JustGrants.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) applies to this funding opportunity. OVW's [How to Apply](#) page has a policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disaster.

⁶ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

⁷ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii). More information is [here](#).

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OVW’s [Discretionary Grant Application Review Process](#) page explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process on OVW’s [website](#).

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more information about [standard award terms and conditions](#), administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Phone: 202-307-6026 Email: OVW.FinancialAssistanceProgram@usdoj.gov
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: https://sam.gov/content/help Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday – Friday
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 866-655-4482 Email: OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday – Friday