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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS OVER \$9 MILLION TO COMBAT ELDER FRAUD AND ABUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs today awarded grants totaling \$9.4 million to combat elder abuse and financial fraud targeted at seniors across the United States. Elder abuse is an intentional or negligent act by any person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an older adult. Attorney General William P. Barr announced the awards on the 30th anniversary of the International Day of Older Persons.

Approximately \$7.9 million of the funds were awarded to jurisdiction and service providers in the United States under two of Office for Victims of Crime grant programs. OJP’s National Institute of Justice awarded the remaining \$1.5 million for related research projects.

Office for Victims of Crime Programs (\$7.9 million)

The **Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation** program awards nearly \$6 million to 12 organizations to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation using trauma-informed approaches that protect the safety and confidentiality of victims.

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Alaska	Fairbanks Native Association	\$497,764
Alaska	Alaska Native Justice Center	\$500,000
Arizona	Apache Behavioral Health Services, Inc.	\$499,252
Arkansas	University of Arkansas	\$499,996
California	Bet Tzedek Legal Services	\$500,000
District of Columbia	Network for Victim Recovery of DC	\$500,000
Michigan	Wayne State University	\$499,368
Minnesota	Minnesota Elder Justice Center	\$499,981
New York	Vera House Inc.	\$500,000
Texas	Lone Star Legal Aid	\$499,544
Washington	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	\$499,848
Wisconsin	End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$500,000

The **Training for Law Enforcement to Improve Identification of and Response to Elder Fraud Victims** program (previously announced) awarded \$1.9 million to provide training and technical assistance to enhance law enforcement's ability to identify elder fraud victims, connect those victims with available services and bring the fraudsters to justice.

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Virginia	NW3C Inc. d/b/a the National White Collar Crime Center	\$1,940,738

National Institute of Justice (\$1.5 million)

The **Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals** program awards almost \$1.5 million to two recipients to fund research projects to, respectively, better differentiate physical abuse of elderly individuals from accidental injury and to improve the reporting of elder abuse.

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Arizona	Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of Arizona State University	\$1,035,328
Massachusetts	Education Development Center, Inc.	\$433,368

Additional information about FY 2020 grant awards made by the Office of Justice Programs can be found online at the [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

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