



Overview of the Office on Violence Against Women FY 2023 Request

The FY 2023 President's Budget for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$1 billion, which is \$486.5 million more than FY 2021 enacted and equal to the FY 2022 President's Budget. This funding will support projects that meaningfully address the needs of underserved and marginalized survivors, improve access to justice, enhance survivor safety, hold offenders accountable, and build a coordinated community response to violence against women. OVW focused its request on evidence-based practices and documented areas of need. The \$1 billion in OVW funds consist solely of appropriated funding.

Summary of Changes in the FY 2023 Request

Grants to Combat Violence Against Women-STOP (\$326 million; \$74 million decrease) - To support states and territories in combating domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and training for professionals.

Transitional Housing (\$100 million; \$20 million increase) - To provide interim housing and services that move survivors and their children into safe permanent housing.

Improving Criminal Justice Responses (Arrest) (\$83 million; \$3 million increase) - To challenge the community to work collaboratively to identify problems and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure survivor safety and offender accountability. The request includes set-asides for many important programs, including trauma-informed law enforcement responses, reducing domestic violence homicides, decreasing gun violence, and combatting online harassment and abuse.

Legal Assistance for Victims (\$100 million; \$20 million increase) - To increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the survivors.

Financial Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Domestic Violence (Financial Assistance Program) *New Program* (\$8 million; \$8 million increase) - To provide financial assistance for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, to offset costs incurred as a result of their victimization and assist them in pursuing safety and stability as they recover. Providing financial support tangibly improves survivors' financial stability.

Supporting Transgender Victims (\$7 million; \$5 million increase) - To support transgender survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by exploring promising practices for reaching this underserved community, as well as providing services through both mainstream service providers and organizations with experience working with transgender people. Transgender individuals face epidemic levels of violence and may face obstacles in accessing existing services and justice responses.



Culturally Specific Services (\$35 million; \$15 million increase) - To provide culturally specific services for survivors. Services “by and for” diverse communities are essential for many survivors.

Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program (\$10 million; \$5 million increase) - To provide hands-on support to individual organizations and thereby reduce potential audit findings and promote organizational capacity to apply for and receive other federal and state grant funds. This program would also have the long-term impact of sustaining the longevity of these organizations and their continued ability to provide much needed culturally specific services.

Underserved Populations Program (\$10 million; \$4 million increase) - To provide support for, outreach to, and services for survivors from underserved populations. Increasing funding for this program responds to the unique needs of survivors and their communities.

National Deaf Services Line (\$4 million; \$6 million decrease) - To create a dedicated services line for Deaf survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Deaf survivors frequently seek services from mainstream victim service providers, which often are not well-positioned to meet the needs of these survivors. A national Deaf services line will expand the reach of Deaf-specific victim services by providing these services virtually.

OVW's Budget Priorities

OVW is committed to supporting projects that meaningfully address the needs of underserved and marginalized survivors, improve access to justice, enhance survivor safety, hold offenders accountable, and build a coordinated community response to violence against women. These priorities guided the FY 2023 Budget request and align with the Attorney General's budget priorities of keeping the country safe and protecting civil rights, as well as the fundamental principles underpinning the Department's new effort to reduce violent crime. This FY 2023 Budget request includes funds to sustain and expand critical victim services and a broad array of justice solutions. It will also enable OVW to further invest in innovative strategies that open new pathways to safety and justice for survivors, as well as approaches that can operate in tandem with broader criminal justice reform efforts.

These budget priorities work in conjunction with OVW's officewide priorities, which include advancing racial equity as an essential component of ending gender-based violence, improving services and justice responses for survivors from underserved communities, increasing access to justice for all survivors, strengthening efforts to prevent and end sexual assault, and expanding economic justice for survivors.



Office on Violence Against Women

FY 2023 President's Budget Request

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FY 2023 President's Budget Request – Office on Violence Against Women (\$ in thousands)		
Office on Violence Against Women Grant Program	FY 2022 President's Budget	FY 2023 President's Budget
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP)	\$ 400,000	\$ 326,000
Research and Evaluation: Violence Against Women (Transfer to NIJ)	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Transitional Housing	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000
Consolidated Youth Program	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Improving Criminal Justice Responses (Arrest)	\$ 80,000	\$ 83,000
Policing and Prosecution Initiative		[25,000]
Prosecution and Investigation of Online Harassment and Abuse		[3,000]
Homicide Reduction Initiative	[\$4,000]	[\$4,000]
Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction	[\$8,000]	[\$8,000]
Rural	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500
Legal Assistance to Victims	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000
Justice for Families	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Campus Violence	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
HBCU, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges Set-aside	[\$20,000]	[\$20,000]
Disabilities Program	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
National Deaf Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000
Elder Program	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Sexual Assault Services	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Indian Country - Sexual Assault Clearinghouse	\$ 500	\$ 500
National Resource Center on Workplace Response	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Research on Violence Against Indian Women (NIJ)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Restorative Justice	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Supporting Transgender Victims	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,000
Culturally-Specific Services	\$ 20,000	\$ 35,000
Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Underserved Populations Program	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,000
Emerging Issues in Violence Against Women	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Financial Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Domestic Violence (Financial Assistance Program)		\$ 8,000
VAWA Tribal Government Grants	[\$71,950]	[68,250]
VAWA Tribal Coalitions Grants	[\$12,143]	[\$10,971]
OVW Management and Administration	[\$30,942]	[\$35,062]
TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Available from the Crime Victims Fund	[\$435,000]	\$ -
Direct Appropriation	[\$565,000]	\$1,000,000
Rescission	\$ (15,000)	\$ (15,000)
TOTAL, WITH Rescission	\$ 985,000	\$ 985,000