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### Overview of the Office on Violence Against Women FY 2024 Request

The FY 2024 President's Budget for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$1 billion, which is \$425.0 million more than FY 2022 enacted and \$300.0 million more than the FY 2023 enacted. 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, as well as the newly reauthorized Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The \$1 billion in OVW funds consist solely of appropriated funding.

### Summary of Changes in the FY 2024 Request

**Grants to Combat Violence Against Women-STOP (\$300 million; \$45 million increase)** - To support states and territories in combating domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and training for professionals.

**Research and Evaluation Violence Against Women - National Institute of Justice (NIJ) (\$3.5 million; \$1 million increase)** - To invest further in rigorous research on approaches to serving victims and holding offenders accountable.

**Transitional Housing (\$95 million; \$45 million increase)** - To provide interim housing and services that move survivors and their children into safe permanent housing.

**Consolidated Youth Oriented Program (\$28 million; \$11 million increase)** - To serve children and youth exposed to VAWA crimes and engage men and youth in prevention.

**Improving Criminal Justice Responses (Arrest) (\$80 million; \$19.5 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.

**Rural Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance (\$51.5 million; \$1.5 million increase)** - To address and prevent domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse in rural areas.

**Legal Assistance for Victims (\$95 million; \$40 million increase)** - To increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth survivors of domestic violence,



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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.

**Grants to Support Families in the Justice System (\$28 million; \$6 million increase)** - To help victims and their children escape violence by improving justice system responses to the VAWA crimes or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse.

**Campus Violence (\$40 million; \$15 million increase)** - To develop coordinated community responses to the VAWA crimes on college and university campuses. Of this amount, \$7.5 million is to increase the set-aside for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving institutions, and tribal colleges.

**Disabilities Program (\$17.5 million; \$5.5 million increase)** - To provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

**National Deaf Services Line (\$6 million; \$4 million decrease)** - To create a dedicated services line for Deaf survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and expand the reach of Deaf-specific victim services by providing these services virtually.

**Abuse of Women in Later Life (\$10 million; \$1 million increase)** - To develop comprehensive community strategies for responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

**Sexual Assault Services Program (\$100 million; \$21.5 million increase)** - To support rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide services, crisis intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault.

**National Resource Center on Workplace Responses (\$1.5 million; \$0.5 million increase)** - To expand the Resource Center's ability to address sexual harassment, which was added in VAWA's 2022 reauthorization.

**Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (\$15 million; \$4 million increase)** - To assist Indian tribes in exercising special tribal criminal jurisdiction and provide tribes with technical assistance for making necessary changes to their criminal justice systems to exercise the jurisdiction. In addition, up to 40% of the appropriation may be used to reimburse tribal governments or their designees for a broad range of expenses incurred in exercising STCJ, including investigations, arrests, prosecutions, detention, supervision, indigent defense counsel, treatment, rehabilitation, and re-entry services.

**LGBT Specific Services Program (\$8 million; \$7 million increase)** - To serve and conduct outreach to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals, who may be reluctant to report victimization and seek services for fear of discrimination.

**Culturally Specific Services (\$35 million; \$24 million increase)** - To provide culturally specific services for survivors. Services "by and for" diverse communities are essential for many survivors.



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**Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program *New Program* (\$5 million; \$5 million increase)** - To provide hands-on support to individual organizations and thereby reduce potential audit findings and promote organizational capacity to provide needed culturally specific services.

**Underserved Populations Program (\$10 million; \$5 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.

**Financial Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Domestic Violence (Financial Assistance Program) (\$8 million; \$4 million increase)** - To improve survivors' financial stability by providing financial assistance for survivors of the VAWA crimes, offset costs incurred as a result of their victimization, and assist them in pursuing safety and stability as they recover.

**National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse *New Program* (\$3 million; \$3 million increase)** - To launch and maintain a national service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse, to provide support services to survivors in local, State, tribal, and Federal confinement facilities, support coordination efforts with victim service providers, and offer technical assistance to victim service providers working with incarcerated victims.

**Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (SANEs) *New Program* (\$20 million; \$20 million increase)** - To address nationwide gaps in the availability and quality of post-sexual assault medical forensic care.

**Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Against Individuals *New Program* (\$10 million; \$10 million increase)** - To assist law enforcement in combatting the serious issue of online harassment, stalking, and abuse.

**National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals *New Program* (\$4 million; \$4 million increase)** - To provide technical assistance and training resources on cybercrimes against individuals, research on the prevalence, causes, and effects of these crimes, and model solutions to prevent and deter such crimes and enforce relevant criminal laws.

**Pilot Program to Improve Victims Services on College Campuses (\$0.0 million; \$1.5 million decrease)** - The FY 2024 request zeroes out funding for this program funded in the FY 2023 enacted, as the funding was for a pilot program rather than an ongoing initiative.

**Rape Survivor Child Custody Act (\$1.5 million; \$1 million decrease)** - The FY 2024 request includes a \$1.0 million decrease for this program, which has historically been funded at \$1.5 million. This decrease returns the program to that level.



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### 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 guide the FY 2024 Budget request and align with the Attorney General's budget priorities of keeping the country safe and protecting vulnerable communities, as well as the fundamental principles underpinning the Department's efforts to reduce violent crime. This FY 2024 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 victims. OVW's priorities include:

Advancing racial equity as an essential component of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Increasing access to justice for all survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including through exploration of survivor-centered criminal justice system reform.

Strengthening efforts to prevent and end sexual assault, including victim services and civil and criminal justice responses.

Expanding economic justice and financial advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including as a tool for violence prevention.

Improving outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from underserved communities, particularly LGBTQ and immigrant communities.



# Office on Violence Against Women

## FY 2024 President's Budget Request

March 2023

FY 2024 President's Budget Request OVW Program Summary (New & Existing Programs)			
(\$ in thousands)			
Office on Violence Against Women Grant Program	FY 2023 Enacted Budget	FY 2024 President's Budget	Program Change
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP)	\$255,000	\$300,000	\$45,000
Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights	[\$10,000]	\$0	[-\$10,000]
Research and Eval. Violence Against Women (NIJ)	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$1,000
Transitional Housing	\$50,000	\$95,000	\$45,000
Consolidated Youth Program	\$17,000	\$28,000	\$11,000
Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention	[\$3,500]	[\$10,000]	[\$6,500]
Improving Criminal Justice Responses (Arrest)	\$60,500	\$80,000	\$19,500
Policing and Prosecution Initiative	[\$8,000]	[0]	[-\$8,000]
Prosecution and Investigation of Online Harassment & Abuse	[\$1,000]	[0]	[-\$1,000]
Homicide Reduction Initiative	[\$4,000]	[\$4,000]	[0]
Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction	[\$4,000]	[\$8,000]	[\$4,000]
Rural	\$50,000	\$51,500	\$1,500
Legal Assistance to Victims	\$55,000	\$95,000	\$40,000
Justice for Families	\$22,000	\$28,000	\$6,000
Campus Violence	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$15,000
HBCU, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges Set-aside	[\$12,500]	[\$20,000]	[\$7,500]
Disabilities Program	\$12,000	\$17,500	\$5,500
National Deaf Services	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
Elder Program	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$1,000
Sexual Assault Services	\$78,500	\$100,000	\$21,500
Indian Country - Sexual Assault Clearinghouse	\$500	\$500	\$0
National Resource Center on Workplace Response	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500
Research on Violence Against Indian Women (NIJ)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction	\$11,000	\$15,000	\$4,000
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act	\$2,500	\$1,500	-\$1,000
Restorative Practices	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
LGBT Specific Services Program	\$1,000	\$8,000	\$7,000
Culturally-Specific Services	\$11,000	\$35,000	\$24,000
Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Underserved Populations Program	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Financial Assistance Program	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$4,000
Abby Honold Act	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Pilot Program to Improve Victims Services on College Campuses	\$1,500	\$0	-\$1,500
National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of SA (New)	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (New)	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes (New)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
National Cybercrime Resource (New)	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
VAWA Tribal Government Grants	[\$49,300]	[\$64,900]	[\$15,600]
VAWA Tribal Coalitions Grants	[\$8,364]	[\$10,357]	[\$1,993]
OVW Management and Administration	[\$35,062]	[\$38,511]	[\$3,449]
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
Rescission	-\$15,000	-\$5,000	\$10,000
<b>Total with Rescission</b>	<b>\$685,000</b>	<b>\$995,000</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>