



# Office on Violence Against Women

FY 2022 President's Budget Request

May 2021

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## Overview of the Office on Violence Against Women FY 2022 Request

The FY 2022 President's Budget for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$1 billion, which is \$486.5 million more than FY 2021 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. The \$1 billion in OVW funds consists of \$565 million of appropriated funds and \$435 million from the Crime Victims Fund.

### Summary of Changes in the FY 2022 Request

**Grants to Combat Violence Against Women-STOP (\$400 million; \$185 million increase)**-To support states combat domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and training for professionals.

**Research & Evaluation: Transfer to NIJ (\$3.5 million; \$1 million increase)** - To study the scope and impact of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual assault; and identify evidence-based strategies for serving victims of those crimes and holding offenders accountable.

**Transitional Housing (\$80 million; \$40 million increase)** - To provide interim housing and services that move survivors and their children into safe permanent housing.

**Consolidated Youth (\$18 million; \$6 million increase)** - To provide coordinated community responses that support child, youth and young adult victims through direct services, training, coordination and collaboration, effective intervention, treatment, response, and prevention strategies.

**Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention *New Program* (\$10 million; \$10 million increase)** - To provide projects that create educational programming and community organizing to encourage men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**Improving Criminal Justice Responses (Arrest) (\$80 million; \$27 million increase)** - To challenge the community to work collaboratively to identify problems and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

**Rural (\$47.5 million; \$2.5 million increase)** - To enhance the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, and support projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas.

**Legal Assistance to Victims (\$80 million; \$33 million increase)** - To increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims 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 victims.



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**Justice for Families (\$28 million; \$10 million increase)** - To improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse.

**Campus Violence (\$40 million; \$20 million increase)** - To strengthen the response of institutions of higher education to the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campuses and enhance collaboration among campuses, local law enforcement, and victim advocacy organizations.

**Disabilities Program (\$17.5 million; \$11 million increase)** - To establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships and increase organizational capacity 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 *New Program* (\$10 million; \$10 million increase)** - To provide deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking often seek services from mainstream victim service providers, which often are not well-positioned to meet the unique needs of these victims. A national Deaf services line will expand the reach of Deaf-specific victim services by providing these services virtually.

**Abuse in Later Life/Elder (\$10.0 million; \$4.5 million increase)** - To address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, against victims who are 50 years of age or older through training and services.

**Sexual Assault Services (\$100 million; \$59 million increase)** - To direct grant dollars to states and territories to assist them in supporting rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault.

**Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdictions (\$5.5 million; \$1.5 million increase)** - To assist Indian tribes in planning, implementing, and exercising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction to hold accountable non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country.

**Restorative Justice *New Program* (\$25 million; \$25 million increase)** - To provide a strategy for addressing underreporting of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence by offering victims an option for remedying the harm while also responding to their concerns about how they will be treated by the criminal justice system. Support restorative justice responses to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and research, evaluation, and technical assistance related to such responses.

**Supporting Transgender Victims *New Program* (\$2 million; \$2 million increase)** - To support transgender victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by exploring promising practices for reaching this underserved community, as well as service provision through both mainstream service providers and organizations with experience working with transgender people.

**Culturally-Specific Services *New Program* (\$20 million; \$20 million increase)** - To provide support to culturally specific services for victims.



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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 apply for and receive other federal and state grant funds. It 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 *New Program* (\$6 million; \$6 million increase)** - To provide support for outreach to and services for victims from underserved populations.

**Emerging Issues in Violence Against Women *New Program* (\$5 million; \$5 million increase)** - To support the demonstration initiative and other special projects that explore issues that do not fit squarely within OVW-administered grant programs but are forms of gender-based violence, such as hate crimes, female genital mutilation or “revenge porn,” and other unmet needs identified by OVW and its stakeholders.

**Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys *New Program* (\$3 million; \$3 million increase)** - To support Tribal SAUSAs facilitate communication and collaboration between tribal and federal law enforcement and prosecution, as well as prosecuting cases, thereby ensuring that offenders who commit violence against women in Indian country are prosecuted in either tribal or federal court, as appropriate.

## OVW's Budget Priorities

1. Support projects that meaningfully address the needs of underserved and marginalized survivors.
2. Improve access to justice
3. Enhance survivor safety
4. Hold offenders accountable
5. Build a coordinated community response to violence against women



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FY 2022 President's Budget Request – Office on Violence Against Women (\$ in thousands)		
Office on Violence Against Women Grant Program	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 President's Budget
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP)	\$ 215,000	\$ 400,000
Research and Evaluation: Violence Against Women (Transfer to NIJ)	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,500
Transitional Housing	\$ 40,000	\$ 80,000
Consolidated Youth Program	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000
Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention		\$ 10,000
Improving Criminal Justice Responses (Arrest)	\$ 53,000	\$ 80,000
Homicide Reduction Initiative	[\$4,000]	[\$4,000]
Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction		[\$8,000]
Rural	\$ 45,000	\$ 47,500
Legal Assistance to Victims	\$ 47,000	\$ 80,000
Justice for Families	\$ 18,000	\$ 28,000
Campus Violence	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000
HBCU, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges Set-aside		[\$20,000]
Disabilities Program	\$ 6,500	\$ 17,500
National Deaf Services		\$ 10,000
Elder Program	\$ 5,500	\$ 10,000
Sexual Assault Services	\$ 41,000	\$ 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	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,500
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Restorative Justice		\$ 25,000
Supporting Transgender Victims		\$ 2,000
Culturally-Specific Services		\$ 20,000
Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program		\$ 5,000
Underserved Populations Program		\$ 6,000
Emerging Issues in Violence Against Women		\$ 5,000
Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys		\$ 3,000
VAWA Tribal Government Grants	[\$41,590]	[\$71,950]
VAWA Tribal Coalitions Grants	[\$6,899]	[\$12,142]
OVW Management and Administration	[\$26,275]	[\$30,942]
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 513,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>
Available from the Crime Victims Fund	<b>[\$435,000]</b>	<b>[\$435,000]</b>
Direct Appropriation	[\$78,500]	[\$65,000]
Rescission		\$ (15,000)
<b>TOTAL, WITH Rescission</b>	<b>\$ 513,500</b>	<b>\$ 985,000</b>