



Office on Violence Against Women – Programs Focused on Culturally Specific Services and Services for Underserved Populations

The FY 2022 President’s Budget for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$1 billion, which is almost double OVW’s FY 2021 Enacted Budget. Included in this amount is \$77.4 million in funding that supports programs through which grantees meet the needs of underserved and culturally specific victim populations. That is a \$60.0 million increase over the FY 2021 Enacted Budget.

Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (CSSP) – \$31,750,000: CSSP supports the development of innovative culturally specific strategies and projects to enhance access to services and resources for victims of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking. CSSP funds community-based organizations to address victims’ needs in a manner that is culturally affirming and effectively addresses language and communication barriers. In past fiscal years, CSSP was funded entirely through statutory set-asides from five OVW grant programs: Improving Criminal Justice Responses, Rural, Legal Assistance for Victims, Abuse in Later Life, and Disabilities. The FY 2022 President’s budget request includes \$20 million for CSSP as a direct appropriation, as well as \$11.8 million from set-asides from the programs listed above, for a total of \$31.8 million.

Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations (Underserved Program) – \$15,600,000: The Underserved Program supports the development and implementation of strategies for reaching and serving adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking who are from underserved populations. The Underserved Program funds nonprofit organizations that serve populations traditionally underserved due to geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, and populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age). The program further seeks to fund grantees to provide training for criminal and civil justice personnel on responding to the needs of underserved victims. The Underserved Program has previously been funded exclusively through set-asides from the STOP Formula and Improving Criminal Justice Responses Programs. The FY 2022 President’s budget request includes \$6 million for the Underserved Program as a direct appropriation, as well as \$9.6 million from set-asides, for a total of \$15.6 million.



Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program (SAS CSP) – \$10 million funded by set-aside: The SAS CSP creates, maintains, and expands sustainable sexual assault services provided by organizations that are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims from culturally specific populations. The SAS CSP funds nonprofit organizations that focus on culturally specific communities and have expertise on the dynamics of sexual assault. Grantees provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault and their families. The SAS CSP is funded through a statutory set-aside from the Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program appropriation.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges Initiative – \$20 million funded by set-aside: The HBCU Initiative will support grants to historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving institutions, and tribal colleges. These institutions play a critical role in expanding educational opportunities for diverse student populations. They often provide financial aid and lower tuition so that students who might not otherwise be able to afford college can earn their degrees. Many HBCU students are the first in their families to attend a four-year institution and thus may need more financial, academic, and social supports to succeed in college than do their peers who are not first generation college students, indicating a need for greater investment in campus-based prevention and services to address sexual assault at HBCUs, Hispanic-serving institutions, and tribal colleges. The FY 2022 President's budget request includes \$20 million for the HBCU Initiative as a set-aside from the Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program.