



Overview of the Office on Violence Against Women FY 2025 Request

The FY 2025 President's Budget for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$800 million, which is \$100.0 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW focused its request on evidence-based practices and documented areas of need, as well as the recent reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 2022. The \$800 million in OVW funds consist solely of appropriated funding.

Summary of Changes in the FY 2025 Request

Transitional Housing (\$55 million; \$5 million increase) – To support programs that provide 6-24 months of transitional housing assistance and related support services to survivors and their children.

Sexual Assault Services Program (\$90 million; \$11.5 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.

Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program (\$25 million; \$14 million increase) – To assist Indian tribes in exercising special tribal criminal jurisdiction (STCJ) 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.

Children and Youth & Engaging Men (\$20 million; \$3 million increase) – To support comprehensive, community-based efforts that develop and expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and to support programs that engage men and youth in prevention.

Improving Criminal Justice Responses (\$68 million; \$7.5 million increase) – To support partnerships among state, local, and tribal governments, courts, victim service providers, coalitions, and community-based organizations to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The budget request includes set-asides for other important programs, including reducing domestic violence homicides and decreasing gun violence.



Rural Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance (\$52.5 million; \$2.5 million increase) – To address and prevent domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse in rural areas.

Legal Assistance for Victims (\$60 million; \$5 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 by providing funds for comprehensive direct legal services to victims in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence.

Culturally Specific Services Program (\$15.0 million; \$4.0 million increase) – To support culturally specific community-based organizations to enhance access to services and resources for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who may face additional obstacles to accessing services and navigating the criminal and civil justice systems.

LGBT Specific Services Program (\$4 million; \$3 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.

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.

Cybercrime Enforcement Program *New Program* (\$10 million; \$10 million increase) – To support efforts by States, Tribes, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals, including the use of technology to harass, threaten, stalk, extort, or coerce an individual or engage in the nonconsensual distribution of intimate images of an adult.

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.

Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking *New Program* (\$10 million; \$10 million increase) – To support a special initiative to address the intersection of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking.



Rape Survivor Child Custody Act (\$1.5 million; \$1 million decrease) – The FY 2025 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.

Pilot Program to Improve Victims Services on College Campuses (\$0 million; \$1.5 million decrease) – The FY 2025 request zeroes out funding for this program, as the funding was for a pilot program rather than an ongoing initiative.

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 domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and other interconnected forms of violence (also referred to as gender-based violence). These priorities guide the FY 2025 Budget request and align with the Attorney General's budget priorities of keeping our country safe, ending gender-based violence,¹ and protecting vulnerable communities, as well as the fundamental principles underpinning the Department's efforts to reduce violent crime and increase access to justice. This FY 2025 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 equity and tribal sovereignty as essential components of ending sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by improving outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from historically marginalized and underserved communities, particularly those facing disproportionate rates or impacts of violence and multiple barriers to services, justice, and safety.
- 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.

¹ Gender-based violence is a term used to describe violence directed at someone because of their gender or perceived gender, or which disproportionately affects people of a certain gender. For OVW's purposes, gender-based violence refers primarily to four crimes under Violence Against Women Act grant programs: domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.



FY 2025 President's Budget Request - OVW Program Summary (New & Existing Programs) (\$ in thousands)			
Office on Violence Against Women Grant Program	FY 2023 Enacted Budget	FY 2025 President's Budget	Program Change
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP)	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$0
Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights	[\$10,000]	[\$4,000]	[-\$6,000]
Research and Eval. Violence Against Women (NIJ)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Transitional Housing	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$5,000
Consolidated Youth Program	\$17,000	\$20,000	\$3,000
Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention	[\$3,500]	\$0	[-\$3,500]
Improving Criminal Justice Responses (Arrest)	\$60,500	\$68,000	\$7,500
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]	[\$4,000]	\$0
Rural	\$50,000	\$52,500	\$2,500
Legal Assistance to Victims	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$5,000
Justice for Families	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0
Campus Violence	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
HBCU, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges Set-aside	[\$12,500]	[\$12,500]	\$0
Disabilities Program	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
National Deaf Services	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Elder Program	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
Sexual Assault Services	\$78,500	\$90,000	\$11,500
Indian Country - Sexual Assault Clearinghouse	\$500	\$500	\$0
National Resource Center on Workplace Response	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Research on Violence Against Indian Women (NIJ)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction	\$11,000	\$25,000	\$14,000
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act	\$2,500	\$1,500	-\$1,000
Restorative Practices	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Culturally Specific Services	\$11,000	\$15,000	\$4,000
Underserved Populations Program	\$5,000	5,000	\$0
Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Financial Assistance Program	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
LGBT Specific Services Program	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$3,000
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
Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons & Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, & Human Trafficking (New)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
VAWA Tribal Government Grants	[\$49,300]	[\$51,450]	[\$2,150]
VAWA Tribal Coalitions Grants	[\$8,364]	[\$8,854]	[\$490]
OVW Management and Administration	[\$35,062]	[\$38,012]	[\$2,950]
Total	\$700,000	\$800,000	\$100,000
Rescission	-\$15,000	-\$15,000	\$0
Total with Rescission	\$685,000	\$785,000	\$100,000