

# Funder Research Report: Office of Violence Against Women

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## Mission:

The Office of Women Against Violence (OWV) is a department within the United States Department of Justice. Their purpose is to develop a nationwide stance against domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campuses. Promoting collaboration between law enforcement, faith leaders, healthcare providers, victim advocates and others to bring about better programs to support women is the primary goal of OWV. Grants are awarded to programs that provide realistic methods that create protection and services for victims, and a safe environment to pursue justice and hold offenders responsible.

## Types of Grants:

The Office of Women Against Violence provides a multitude of grant opportunities that address different aspects of the problem of violence against women.

### What Is OVW Looking For?

*A plan that will address violence against women*

*Provide a service to victims*

*Collaborate with government and non-profit agencies*

*Presence in communities, regions, and university campuses*

- ◆ Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking On Campus Program
- ◆ Sexual Assault Services Program – Grants to Culturally Specific Programs Call for Concept Papers
- ◆ Grants to Enhance Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program
- ◆ Grants to Indian Tribal Governments and Sexual Assault Services Program
- ◆ Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities
- ◆ Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program
- ◆ Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Assistance Program

## Eligibility:

Each individual grant opportunity has individual requirements. However, the program I recommend here is the Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking On Campus Program. This grant would be well worth pursuing because it pertains to college campuses. The eligibility requirements for this specific grant are as follows:

- ◆ Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- ◆ Private institutions of higher education

Further information on eligibility of other grants is available on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) under the U.S. Department of Justice.

## Application Process:

Detailed instructions regarding applications are found in the full announcement. All applications must be submitted on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). There is a section on the full announcement that describes what the grant application must include.

## Recommendation:

I would recommend The Office of Violence Against Women grant opportunities to any team who seeks to address a social concern. The grant requires a comprehensive plan for services to provide safety to victims of violence. I particularly recommend the College Campus project for teams that would like to develop a real and plausible plan because they can work to develop a plan with the University and perhaps the Margaret Sloss Women's Center.