* What is STOP Violence Against Women Grant?

STOP stands for Services\* Training\* Officers\* Prosecutors

* Formula Grant Program with a 4 year funding cycle so new projects are only funded every 4 years. Projects receiving new funding can apply for a continuation in years 2-4.
* The Idaho Grant Review Council scores applications and votes on projects to be funded.
* STOP funds support communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective criminal justice strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop responses to **domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.**
* The amount available to subaward is about 1.1 million (average subaward is $69,000).
* **Programs have to be targeted toward victims age 11 and older.**
* **Prevention/education** is limited to 5% ($56,000) – limit subgrantees to using 5% of their award towards prevention (outreach is allowable).
  + **NEW –** we will be requiring subgrantees who want to do sexual assault prevention to coordinate with the Idaho Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) Program to ensure efforts are not duplicated, best practices are used and help in getting resources and support that might be available.
* **Assessing the effectiveness of STOP funded activities is limited to 3% - limit subgrantees to using** 3% of their award towards assessment activities.
* Funding Allocations

**20% ($250,800) of a State’s STOP allocation be set-aside** for subgrant projects meaningfully addressing sexual assault across two (2) or more allocation categories (victim services, courts, law enforcement, and prosecution). Sexual assault includes stranger rape, acquaintance rape, alcohol or drug-facilitated rape, and rape within the context of an intimate partner relationship. Examples of programs are Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs), Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs), or training.

STOP has funding allocations that must be met. Funds must be allocated into the following categories:

* 5% (approx. $55,845) to State and local courts, including juvenile courts; -
* 25% (approx. $255,162) for law enforcement;
* 25% (approx. $238,503) for prosecutors; and
* 30% (approx. $296,825) for nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services.
  + 10% (approx. $37,230) of the FY20 funds distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations.
* Discretionary funds (15%) are allocated at the discretion of the Idaho Grant Review Council.

**Allocation categories for STOP applications are not determined by type of agency, rather by who benefits from project activities (except for Court allocation which has to go to Courts).** Examples: 1) SANE exams benefit law enforcement and prosecution; 2) Training provided to law enforcement by a victim service agency benefits law enforcement.

**\*Culturally specific community-based organization - think grass roots organizations.**

**Definition:** a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or tribal organization that serves a specific geographic community that:

* focuses primarily on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
* has established a specialized culturally specific program that addresses domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
* has a primary focus on underserved populations (and includes representatives of these populations) and domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
* obtains expertise, or shows demonstrated capacity to work effectively, on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through collaboration;
* is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups; and
* is providing services tailored to the unique needs of that population.

Federal grant managers look at whether the primary mission is to address the needs of racial and ethnic minority groups or if it has developed a special expertise regarding a particular racial and ethnic minority group. The organization must do more than merely provide services to the targeted group; rather, the organization must provide culturally competent services designed to meet the specific needs of the target population.

The current goal and objectives for STOP are:

Goal 1: Implement community-driven projects and initiatives that address the needs and issues faced by underserved populations through victim services, training, and the development of protocols and/or policies.

Goal 2: Develop, enhance, or implement coordinated, multidisciplinary responses to strengthening victim services and improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women.

Goal 3: Address sexual assault through victim service expansion; training for judges, other court personnel, prosecutors, and law enforcement; and the development of coordinated community responses to sexual assaults.

Current goals for reducing domestic violence-related homicides

Goal 1: Reduce domestic violence related homicides through an intensely concentrated and coordinated early response to high risk victims and incidents.

* Objective 1: Increase the identification of high-risk cases with the use of risk assessments by law enforcement and victim services for domestic violence incidents and improve the use of effective responses based on the identified lethality factors.
* Objective 2: Increase frequency or quality of safety planning with victims.

Subgrantees currently must report on the following:

Goal 1: Underserved Populations

Implement community-driven initiatives to address the needs and issues faced by underserved populations impacted by domestic and sexual violence through victim services, training, and the development of protocols and/or policies.

* Objective 1: Coordination

Improve coordination with underserved populations through meetings with

representatives of the underserved populations.

* Performance Measure: Outreach

# of outreach activities to underserved communities (including meetings with representatives).

* Objective 2: Protocols/Policies

Increase the number of protocols and/or policies developed, substantially revised, or implemented concerning appropriate responses to underserved populations.

* Performance Measure: Culturally Appropriate Protocols/Policies

# of culturally appropriate protocols or policies developed, revised, or implemented.

* Objective 3: Training

Increase the number of trainings addressing the needs and/or appropriate responses to underserved populations.

* Performance Measure: Training

# of people trained in the appropriate responses to underserved populations.

Goal 2: Domestic Violence Related Homicides

Reduce domestic violence related homicides through an intensely concentrated and coordinated early response to high risk victims and clients.

* Objective 1: High Risk Cases

Increase the identification of high risk cases with the use of risk assessments by law enforcement and victim services for domestic violence incidents and respond accordingly through the Idaho Risk Assessment of Dangerousness tool.

* Performance Measure: Risk Assessments

# of risk assessments completed.

* Objective 2: Safety Planning

Increase frequency or quality of safety planning with victims.

* Performance Measure: Safety Planning

# of domestic violence victims receiving safety planning.