STOP VAWA Certified Assurances and Compliance

The following certified assurances and compliance regulations are applicable to projects, programs and/or agencies receiving STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds.

1. Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements
   The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any certifications or assurances submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

   Failure to comply with any one or more of these award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or a certification or assurance related to conduct during the award period -- may result in the Office on Violence Against Women ("OVW") taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, OVW may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. OVW also may take other legal action as appropriate.

   Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. 10271-10273), and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

   Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

   The recipient agrees to comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements"), and the current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OVW website, including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. The recipient also agrees that all financial records pertinent to this award, including the general accounting ledger and all supporting documents, are subject to agency review throughout the life of the award, during the close-out process, and for three years after submission of the final Federal Financial Report (SF-425) or as long as the records are retained, whichever is longer, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.333, 200.336.

3. Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding
   If the recipient currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the recipient receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the recipient promptly must determine whether funds from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are provided under this award. If so, the recipient must promptly notify CVAD in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by CVAD must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope grant adjustment to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

4. Requirements related to System for Award Management and unique entity identifiers
   The subrecipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at https://www.sam.gov. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining current information in SAM.
The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees"), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the recipient) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration. The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award Condition: Requirements related to System for Award Management (SAM) and unique entity identifiers), and are incorporated by reference here.

5. Employment eligibility verification for hiring under the award
The subrecipient must ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds, the subrecipient (or any subrecipient) properly verifies the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(a)(1) and (2). The details of the recipient's obligations under this condition are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award Condition: Employment eligibility verification for hiring under award), and are incorporated by reference here.

6. Requirements to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)
The subrecipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent breach (as defined in OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient) 1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of personally identifiable information (PII) (as defined in 2 C.F.R. 200.79) within the scope of an OVW grant-funded program or activity, or 2) uses or operates a Federal information system (as defined in OMB Circular A-130). The recipient’s breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to CVAD no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

7. Unreasonable restrictions on competition under the award; association with federal government
No recipient (or subrecipient, at any tier) may (in any procurement transaction) discriminate against any person or entity on the basis of such person or entity's status as an "associate of the federal government" (or on the basis of such person or entity's status as a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of such an associate), except as expressly set out in 2 C.F.R. 200.319(a) or as specifically authorized by DOJ.

The details of the recipient's obligations under this condition are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award Condition: Unreasonable restrictions on competition under the award; association with federal government), and are incorporated by reference here.

8. Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)
The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of recipients, subrecipients ("subgrantees"), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the recipient or of any subrecipient.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OVW web site at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award Condition: Prohibited conduct by recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

9. Determinations of suitability to interact with participating minors
This condition applies to this award if it is indicated in the application for the award (as approved by DOJ) (or in the application for any subaward at any tier), the DOJ funding announcement (solicitation), or an associated federal statute - that
a purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award (whether by the recipient or a subrecipient at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

The recipient, and any subrecipient at any tier, must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status. The details of this requirement are posted on the OVW web site at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors), and are incorporated by reference here.

10. Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events

The recipient, and any subrecipient (“subgrantee”) at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/conference-planning.

11. OVW Training Guiding Principles

The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OVW Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-and-faqs-grantees#Discretionary.

12. Effect of failure to address audit issues

The recipient understands and agrees that the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by the DOJ awarding agency) the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

13. Potential imposition of additional requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

14. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination – 28 C.F.R. Part 42

The recipient, and any subrecipient (“subgrantee”) at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

15. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination – 28 C.F.R. Part 38

The recipient, and any subrecipient (“subgrantee”) at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38, specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38 also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to recipient and subrecipient (“subgrantee”) organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and
requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based or religious organizations. FY 2019 General Terms and Conditions

16. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54 The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."

17. Restrictions on "lobbying" and policy development In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds may not be used by the recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, in order to avoid violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1913. The recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") may, however, use federal funds to collaborate with and provide information to federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies and develop and promote state, local, or tribal legislation or model codes designed to reduce or eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (as those terms are defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)) when such collaboration and provision of information is consistent with the activities otherwise authorized under this grant program.

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OVW from being used by the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

18. Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds for this fiscal year The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, for each fiscal year, are set out at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award Condition: General appropriations-law restrictions on use of federal award funds), and are incorporated by reference here. Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or a subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

19. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct The recipient and any subrecipients ("subgrantees") must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award -- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by-- (1) online submission accessible via the OIG webpage at https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/contact-grants.htm (select "Submit Report Online"); (2) mail directed to:
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, Investigations Division, ATTN: Grantee Reporting, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20530; (3) by facsimile directed to the DOJ OIG Fraud Detection Office (Attn: Grantee Reporting) at (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at http://www.usdoj.gov/oig.

20. Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

No recipient or subrecipient ("subgrantee") under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the recipient—

a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

2. If the recipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both—

a. it represents that—

(1) it has determined that no other entity that the recipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to FY 2019 General Terms and Conditions prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

(2) it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and
will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

21. **Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)** The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The recipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712. Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) for guidance.

22. **Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving** Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages recipients and subrecipients ("subgrantees") to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

23. **Requirement to disclose whether recipient is designated high risk by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ** If the recipient is designated high risk by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ, currently or at any time during the course of the period of performance under this award, the recipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to OVW by email to OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov. For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the recipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the recipient. The recipient's disclosure must include the following: (1) the federal awarding agency that currently designates the recipient high risk; (2) the date the recipient was designated high risk; (3) the high-risk point of contact at that federal awarding agency (name, phone number, and email address); and (4) the reasons for the high-risk status, as set out by the federal awarding agency.

24. **Availability of general terms and conditions on OVW website** The recipient agrees to follow the applicable set of general terms and conditions that are available at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions. These do not supersede any specific conditions in this award document.


26. **Compliance with solicitation requirements** The recipient agrees that it must be in compliance with requirements outlined in the solicitation under which the approved application was submitted. The program solicitation is hereby incorporated by reference into this award.
27. VAWA 2013 nondiscrimination condition.
The recipient acknowledges that 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13) prohibits recipients of OVW awards from excluding, denying benefits to, or discriminating against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by OVW. Recipients may provide sex-segregated or sex-specific programming if doing so is necessary to the essential operations of the program so long as the recipient provides comparable services to those who cannot be provided with sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. The subrecipient agrees that it will comply with this provision. The subrecipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipients (“subgrantees”) at any tier will comply with this provision.

28. Misuse of award funds The recipient understands and agrees that misuse of award funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

29. Limitation on use of funds to approved activities The subrecipient agrees that grant funds will be used only for the purposes described in the recipient's application, unless CVAD or OVW determines that any of these activities are out of scope or unallowable. The subrecipient must not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the subrecipient’s application, award documents, or approved budget, and must not use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with grant funds for such work or activities, without prior written approval from CVAD.

30. Non-Supplantation The recipient agrees that grant funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant.

31. Confidentiality and information sharing The recipient agrees to comply with the provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2), nondisclosure of confidential or private information, which includes creating and maintaining documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information. The recipient also agrees to comply with the regulations implementing this provision at 28 CFR 90.4(b) and “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the VAWA Confidentiality Provision (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2))” on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-and-faqs-grantees. The recipient also agrees to ensure that all subrecipients (“subgrantees”) at any tier meet these requirements.

32. Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability The recipient agrees that grant funds will not support activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability, such as: procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or sex of their children; procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services; procedures or policies that impose requirements on victims in order to receive services (e.g., seek an order of protection, receive counseling, participate in couples' counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek civil or criminal remedies, etc.); procedures or policies that fail to ensure service providers conduct safety planning with victims; project design and budgets that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and participants who have limited English proficiency or are Deaf or hard of hearing; or any other activities outlined in the solicitation or companion guide under which the application was submitted.

33. Policy for response to workplace-related incidents of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, and dating violence The recipient, and any subrecipient at any tier, must have a policy, or issue a policy
within 270 days of the award date, to address workplace-related incidents of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, and dating violence involving an employee, volunteer, consultant, or contractor. The details of this requirement are posted on the OVW web site at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (Award Condition: Policy for response to workplace-related sexual misconduct, domestic violence, and dating violence), and are incorporated by reference here.

34. Termination or suspension for cause The Director of OVW, upon a finding that there has been substantial failure by the recipient to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and/or the terms and conditions of the award or relevant solicitation, will terminate or suspend until the Director is satisfied that there is no longer such failure, all or part of the award, in accordance with the provisions of 28 C.F.R. Part 18, as applicable mutatis mutandis.

35. Performance Reports Subrecipient agrees to provide CVAD and OVW with specific information regarding their subaward made under this award. Subrecipient must use the designated forms and/or systems made available by OVW/CVAD for performance reporting, which identify the information that recipients and subrecipients must collect and report as a condition of receiving funding under this award.

36. Subrecipient program income CVAD understands and agrees that it has responsibility for approval of program income earned by subrecipients. Program income, as defined by 2 C.F.R. 200.80, means gross income earned by a non-federal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the federal award during the period of performance. Without prior approval, program income must be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. In order to add program income to a subaward, subrecipients must seek approval from the recipient prior to generating any program income. Any program income added to a subaward must be used to support activities that were approved in the budget and follow the conditions of the subaward agreement. Any program income approved by CVAD must be reported by the subrecipient to the CVAD so that it is reported on the quarterly Federal Financial Report (SF-425) in accordance with the addition alternative. If the program income amount changes (increases or decreases) during the project period, CVAD must provide approval by the end of the project period. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in audit findings for both CVAD and the subrecipient.

37. Subrecipient product monitoring CVAD agrees to monitor subrecipients to ensure that materials and products (written, visual, or sound) developed with OVW formula grant program funding fall within the scope of the grant program and do not compromise victim safety.

38. Publication disclaimer Subrecipient agrees that all materials and publications (written, web-based, audio-visual, or any other format) resulting from award activities shall contain the following statement: "This project was supported by Grant No. __________ awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice." The recipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipient at any tier will comply with this condition.

39. Publications disclaimer for STOP Formula subrecipients The recipient agrees that all materials and publications (written, web-based, audio-visual, or any other format) resulting from subaward activities shall contain the following statement: "This project was supported by Subgrant No. ______________ awarded by the state administering office for the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice's STOP Formula Grant Program. The opinions, findings,
conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the state or the U.S. Department of Justice."

40. Copyrighted works Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.315(b), CVAD may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under this award. OVW reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

OVW also reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), any work developed by a subrecipient ("subgrantee") of this award, for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

In addition, CVAD (or subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor of this award at any tier) must obtain advance written approval from the OVW program manager assigned to this award, and must comply with all conditions specified by the program manager in connection with that approval, before: 1) using award funds to purchase ownership of, or a license to use, a copyrighted work; or 2) incorporating any copyrighted work, or portion thereof, into a new work developed under this award. It is the responsibility of CVAD (and of each subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor as applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward, contract, or subcontract under this award.

41. Consultant compensation rates The recipient acknowledges that consultants paid with award funds generally may not be paid at a rate in excess of $81.25 per hour, not to exceed $650 per day. To exceed this specified maximum rate, recipients must submit to OVW a detailed justification and have such justification approved by OVW, prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds. Issuance of this award or approval of the award budget alone does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of $81.25 per hour, not to exceed $650 per day. Although prior approval is not required for consultant rates below this specified maximum rate, recipients are required to maintain documentation to support all daily or hourly consultant rates.

42. Ongoing compliance with statutory certifications The subrecipient agrees that compliance with the statutory certification requirements is an ongoing responsibility during the award period and that, at a minimum, a hold may be placed on the subrecipient's funds for noncompliance with any of the requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 10449 (regarding rape exam payments), 34 U.S.C. § 10449(e) (regarding judicial notification), 34 U.S.C. § 10450 (regarding certain fees and costs), and 34 U.S.C. § 10451 (regarding polygraphing of sexual assault victims). Non-compliance with any of the foregoing may also result in termination or suspension of the grant or other remedial measures, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

43. Limitation on use of funds for awareness and public education The recipient agrees that no more than 5 percent of its award may be used to conduct public awareness or community education campaigns or related activities to broadly address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Grant funds may be used without limit to support, inform, and provide outreach about available services.

44. Requirements for recipients and subrecipients providing legal assistance The recipient agrees that the legal assistance eligibility requirements, as set forth below, are a continuing obligation on the part of the recipient. The legal assistance eligibility requirements are: (1) any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under this grant program (A) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or (B) (i) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in subparagraph (A); and (ii) has completed or will complete training in connection with domestic violence,
dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide; (2) any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a state, local, territorial, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement officials; (3) any person or organization providing legal assistance through this grant program has informed and will continue to inform state, local, territorial, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate state and local law enforcement officials of their work; and (4) the recipient's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or child sexual abuse is an issue. The recipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipient (“subgrantee”) at any tier will comply with this condition.

**Purpose Areas**
Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10441(b), funds under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including the appropriate use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)).
2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims.
4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, e.g., prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
6. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
7. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
8. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
9. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals.


11. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families.

12. Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants”) in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking and may undertake the following activities:
   a) developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases;
   b) notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency;
   c) referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and
   d) taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.

13. Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote:
   a) the development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as “Crystal Judson Victim Advocates,” to provide supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel;
   b) the implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (“Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project” July 2003)); and
   c) the development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial and local victim services providers and domestic violence coalitions.

   **Note:** Any law enforcement, state, tribal, territorial, or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program, and any subgrantee of such an agency, shall (1) receive specialized training, on an annual basis, from domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel and (2) provide a report to the Department of the protocol(s) adopted in connection with the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program, including a summary of progress in implementing such protocol(s), once every two years. States and territories must notify and provide OVW with a list of subgrantee recipients awarded STOP funds under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program, and ensure that all subgrantees satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

14. Developing and promoting state, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
15. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated
community responses to sexual assault.
16. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement
agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the
appropriate treatment of victims.
17. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and
youth in correctional and detention settings.
18. Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and
developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols
and policies for notifying and involving victims.
19. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses
targeting male and female victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking,
whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender
identity, as defined in section 249(c) of title 18 of the United States Code.
20. Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to
dating violence, or stalking, with not with not more than 5 percent of the amount allocated to a state to be
used for this purpose.

STOP funds cannot be used for activities that may compromise victim safety and recovery or
undermine offender accountability and must be removed from program activities.
The following activities have been found to jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or
emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions; and therefore,
states may not use STOP funds to support these activities:
• Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services,
counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived sex, age, immigration status, race,
religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition,
criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or gender of their children;
• Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and/or privacy of persons
receiving OVW-funded services;
• Procedures or policies that require victims to take certain actions (e.g., seek an order of protection,
receive counseling, participate in couples counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek
civil or criminal remedies, etc.) in order to receive services;
• Procedures or policies that fail to include conducting safety planning with victims;
• Project design and budget that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and
participants who have limited English proficiency or who are Deaf or hard of hearing;
• The use of pre-trial diversion programs without prior OVW review and approval of the program or
the automatic placement of offenders in such programs;
• Couples counseling, family counseling, or any other manner or joint victim-offender counseling as a
routine or required response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or in
situations in which child sexual abuse is alleged;
• Offering or ordering anger management programs for offenders as a substitute for batterer’s
intervention programs;
• Policies or procedures that require victims to report the crime to law enforcement, participate in the
criminal justice system, or seek a protection or restraining order against the offender, and penalize
them for failing to do so.
• Procedures or policies that deny victims and non-abusing parents or caretakers and their children
access to services based on their involvement with the perpetrator;
• Requiring survivors to meet restrictive conditions in order to receive services (e.g. background checks
of victims; clinical evaluations to determine eligibility for services; etc.) or other screening processes

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that elicit information that is not necessary for services, such as questions about immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, physical or mental health, and work or criminal history that the service provider does not need to know about to provide services safely;

- Relying on batterer intervention programs that do not use court monitoring to hold batterers accountable for their behavior;
- Policies and procedures that fail to account for the physical safety of victims;
- Enforcing or promoting nuisance abatement ordinances, crime-free housing ordinances, or crime-free lease addenda (often associated with crime-free housing programs) that require or encourage the eviction of tenants or residents who may be victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking. See also the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for guidance on how such ordinances and addenda may violate the Fair Housing Act; and
- Policies or procedures that require testing of sexual assault forensic evidence in cases where the victim obtained a medical forensic exam but has not chosen to participate in the criminal justice system.

I certify that I have read and understand the above assurances and will comply with all of the STOP VAWA provisions and corresponding funding provisions.

Program Name:

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Signature of Authorized Representative                          Date

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Typed Name of Authorized Representative            Title of Authorized Representative

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Program Director Signature               Date

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Typed Name of Program Director             Title of Program Director
Under section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 13925(b)(2)), grantees and subgrantees with funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) are required to meet the following terms with regard to nondisclosure of confidential or private information and to document their compliance. By signature on this form, applicants for grants from OVW are acknowledging that that they have notice that, if awarded funds, they will be required to comply with this provision, and will mandate that subgrantees, if any, comply with this provision, and will create and maintain documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information, and will mandate that subgrantees, if any, will do so as well.

15. **In general**
In order to ensure the safety of adult, youth, and child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their families, grantees and subgrantees under this subchapter shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services.

16. **Nondisclosure**
Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D), grantees and subgrantees shall not—

14. disclose, reveal, or release any personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through grantees’ and subgrantees’ programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected; or

15. disclose, reveal, or release individual client information without the informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person (or in the case of an unemancipated minor, the minor and the parent or guardian or in the case of legal incapacity, a court-appointed guardian) about whom information is sought, whether for this program or any other Federal, State, tribal, or territorial grant program, except that consent for release may not be given by the abuser of the minor, incapacitated person, or the abuser of the other parent of the minor.

If a minor or a person with a legally appointed guardian is permitted by law to receive services without the parent’s or guardian’s consent, the minor or person with a guardian may release information without additional consent.

(C) **Release**
If release of information described in subparagraph (B) is compelled by statutory or court mandate—

(i) grantees and subgrantees shall make reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information; and

(ii) grantees and subgrantees shall take steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of the information.

(D) **Information sharing**
(i) Grantees and subgrantees may share—
(I) Non personally identifying data in the aggregate regarding services to their clients and non personally identifying demographic information in order to comply with Federal, State, tribal, or territorial reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements; 
(II) court-generated information and law enforcement-generated information contained in secure, governmental registries for protection order enforcement purposes; and 
(III) law enforcement-generated and prosecution-generated information necessary for law enforcement and prosecution purposes.

(ii) In no circumstances may—
(I) an adult, youth, or child victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking be required to provide a consent to release his or her personally identifying information as a condition of eligibility for the services provided by the grantee or subgrantee; 
(II) any personally identifying information be shared in order to comply with Federal, tribal, or State reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements, whether for this program or any other Federal, tribal, or State grant program.

(E) Statutorily mandated reports of abuse or neglect
Nothing in this section prohibits a grantee or subgrantee from reporting suspected abuse or neglect, as those terms are defined and specifically mandated by the State or tribe involved.

(F) Oversight
Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Attorney General from disclosing grant activities authorized in this Act to the chairman and ranking members of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate exercising Congressional oversight authority. All disclosures shall protect confidentiality and omit personally identifying information, including location information about individuals.

(G) Confidentiality assessment and assurances
Grantees and subgrantees must document their compliance with the confidentiality and privacy provisions required under this section.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby acknowledge that the applicant has received notice that if awarded funding they will comply with the above statutory requirements. This acknowledgement shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which the Department of Justice will rely if it determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

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Typed Name of Authorized Representative                                               Title
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Signature of Authorized Representative                                                    Date Signed

Agency Name:

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