

**FY 2015 STOP Formula Grant Solicitation**

**SUMMARY DATA SHEET**  
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**Statement Regarding FY 2014 Expenditure of Federal Funds:**

The Department of the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii has expended at least \$500,000 in federal funds in fiscal year 2014. The State fiscal period is July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**List of Federal Grant Programs:**

The Department of the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii currently receives funding or has applied for funding in fiscal year 2015 from the following federal grant programs:

- Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- Prison Rape Elimination Act Grant (PREA)
- Sex Offender Registration Notification Act Grant (SORNA)
- Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant (VOCA)



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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATES**

**Status of Subgrants for FY 2009-2014**

A listing of all STOP subgrant awards from FY 2009 to FY 2014 and the funding priority areas each award addressed is provided at the end of this narrative in Attachment 1. All projects funded with STOP grants adhere to the corresponding fiscal year's VAWA Statutory Purpose Areas and are consistent with the priorities of the equivalent VAWA STOP Implementation Plans submitted by the Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General.

The FY 2009 STOP grant was awarded to fourteen projects (1 judiciary, 4 prosecution, 6 police, and 3 victim service agencies). Three no-cost extensions were requested and granted by OVW for the FY 2009 grant. The grant was closed in July 2014. Funds were used to provide training for police investigators, detectives, and officers in investigating incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault in three county police departments. Funds were also used to strengthen two county police departments' Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) programs. Victim service agencies that were awarded FY 2009 STOP funds provided crisis intervention services and coordinated community responses to sexual assault. Another victim service agency provided culturally and linguistically specific services to Native Hawaiian and Polynesian domestic violence victims through enhanced case management, advocacy services, and group counseling. Other criminal justice projects funded included judicial trainings and vertical prosecution units.

The FY 2010 STOP grant was awarded to sixteen projects (1 judiciary, 5 prosecution, 4 police, and 6 victim service agencies). Three no-cost extensions were requested and granted by

OVW for the FY 2010 grant. The grant project period ended on December 31, 2014. A final closeout was submitted through the Grants Management System (GMS) on March 25, 2015. Funding to criminal justice agencies supported vertical prosecution units for domestic violence, continued development of a Family Justice Center, forensic sexual assault examinations and SAFE/SANE coordination, and domestic violence training for courts, prosecutors, and police. Also funded were emergency shelter, advocacy services, and family visitation services for domestic violence survivors, legal services for Hispanic immigrant victims, and a comprehensive system of crisis care for victims of sexual assault.

The FY 2011 STOP grant was awarded to thirteen projects (1 judiciary, 4 prosecution, 4 police, and 4 victim service agencies). Three no-cost extensions were requested and granted by OVW for the FY 2011 grant which is set to end on June 30, 2016. Currently, all of the grant funds have been awarded and only one sub-contract has not been fully executed. Of the thirteen projects, four prosecutor projects, two police projects, and three victim services projects have completed their project activities and are fiscally closed. Three subgrantee projects are currently active. The sub-contract that has not been executed yet is with a victim services agency that was recently awarded on March 16, 2015. The funds from this award were returned grant funds from a previously closed victim services project. FY 2011 funding supports domestic violence related training and sexual assault related training for law enforcement and court personnel, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) coordination and forensic exams for victims, outreach to underserved victims in Maui County, legal advocacy and legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, shelter and safety planning for domestic violence victims in Hawaii County, outreach and services to Micronesian victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and vertical prosecutions and investigations of domestic violence in all counties.

The FY 2012 STOP grant was awarded to fourteen projects (1 judiciary project, 4 prosecutor projects, 4 police projects, and 5 victim services projects). Two no-cost extensions were requested and granted by OVW for the FY 2012 grant which is set to end on June 30, 2016. Currently, thirteen of the fourteen sub-contracts have been fully executed. Three prosecutor projects and three victim services projects have completed their project activities and are fiscally closed. Seven subgrantee projects are currently active. Three of the active projects will close in May 2015. One of the active police projects experienced a lengthy delay awaiting approvals from their county procurement office to solicit Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services. The sub-contract that has not been executed yet is with a victim services agency that was recently awarded on December 10, 2014. The funds from this award were returned grant funds from a previously closed victim services project. FY 2012 funding supports sexual assault related training for law enforcement, improving the temporary restraining order and protective order process on Oahu, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) coordination and forensic exams for victims, legal advocacy and legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, shelter and safety planning for domestic violence victims in Molokai, outreach to Hispanic immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and vertical prosecutions and investigations of domestic violence in all counties.

The FY 2013 STOP grant was awarded to fifteen projects (1 judiciary project, 4 prosecutor projects, 4 police projects, and 6 victim services projects). One no-cost extension was requested and granted by OVW for the FY 2013 grant which is set to end on June 30, 2016. Funding is supporting domestic violence related training and sexual assault related training for law enforcement, judicial training on batterers' intervention programs, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) coordination and forensic exams for victims, legal advocacy and legal

assistance to victims of domestic violence, shelter and safety planning for domestic violence victims on Molokai, outreach to Hispanic immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, transitional housing services for domestic violence victims, victim services for transgender victims, crisis response for sexual assault victims on Maui and Molokai, and vertical prosecutions and investigations of domestic violence in all counties. To date, two contracts have been fully executed and are currently active. For the remaining thirteen projects, the Department is in the process of revising subgrantee contract documents, obtaining county and state approvals, and/or awaiting necessary signatures for the execution of contracts. The Department anticipates that all of the subcontracts will be fully executed by June 2015.

It is anticipated that the FY 2014 STOP funds will be solicited and awarded by September 2015 through a competitive Request for Proposals process for non-profit victim service agencies and a formula plan and application process for criminal justice agencies as described below in the Administering VAWA STOP Formula Grant section.

### **Outreach Efforts Being Made to Underserved Populations**

The VAWA State Planning Committee has the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (LASH) on its committee. LASH is a voting member of the committee and provides culturally specific services to underserved immigrant populations.

One of the identified funding priority areas of the VAWA Implementation Plan (FY 2015 - FY 2017) is to support underserved/marginalized communities and increase their accessibility to core services. Beginning with the 2014 STOP funds, the Department will give priority to victim service providers who serve culturally specific communities particularly underserved culturally specific populations within the State. Extra points in the victim services solicitation

will be awarded to agencies providing culturally specific services as defined by VAWA and specified in the solicitation. Additionally, the Department will give priority to victim service providers serving geographically isolated rural areas within the State. Extra points will be awarded in the victim services solicitation to rural areas as defined by VAWA and as specified in the solicitation.

In addition, the VAWA Planning Committee convened a VAWA Working Group which identified and prioritized two different areas for improvement within the State. One of those areas for improvement was outreach and resources for underserved victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The underserved communities mentioned by the working group were youth, disabled populations, elderly, human trafficking victims, immigrants, LGBTQ identified individuals, male victims, victims from the Federated States of Micronesia, Native Hawaiians, and victims in rural areas. VAWA Working Group members discussed the services their agencies provided to these underserved communities. The VAWA Working Group decided to identify and prioritize four underserved populations in order to focus its discussion and strategies regarding increasing services and outreach to underserved victims. The four underserved populations selected by the VAWA Working Group were: 1) recent immigrants, 2) geographically isolated communities, 3) special needs populations, and 4) youth victims. Potential action steps were discussed for each underserved group and a summary report with recommendations was distributed to the VAWA State Planning Committee. The VAWA Working Group also developed an agency self-assessment checklist that can be used by agencies to determine areas for improvement in their outreach and services to underserved victims.

**Description of Current Projects Meeting the 10% set aside for Culturally Specific Community-Based Organizations**

There are two current culturally specific community-based organizations addressing the needs of underserved populations using FY 2013 STOP funds. The two funded projects are the Hispanic Family Violence Awareness Project by the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (LASH) and Services to Transgender Women Victims of Violence by the Life Foundation. These two projects account for thirty percent of the victim services allocation exceeding the required ten percent set aside amount for culturally specific community-based organizations.

LASH provides immigration and related civil legal services to limited or non-English proficient Hispanic female immigrant victims of domestic violence, sex assault, dating violence and stalking on Oahu. LASH's Hispanic Family Violence Awareness Project was also funded previously with FY 2012 STOP funds.

The Life Foundation is piloting a project that will provide advocacy services for transgender women victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Staff at the Life Foundation, many of which are transgender themselves, will provide victims with counseling, advocacy in the courts, group support, and referrals to services.

**Research that may involve human subjects, as defined in 28 CFR Part 46 and Part 22**

This grant application will not fund any project or activity that includes research involving human subjects as defined in 28 CFR Part 46, or the collection or use of information identifiable to a private person as defined in 28 CFR Part 22.



### **Projects to be funded with FY 2015 funding**

The types of projects to be funded with FY 2015 funding will be consistent with the funding priorities developed by the state's VAWA Planning Committee (VPC) and the established VAWA Purpose Areas. Cultural and linguistic-specific projects and underserved populations are special priorities of the VPC. Over the years, VAWA STOP funds have been used to maintain specialized investigation and vertical prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault cases; provide core services to victims (e.g., emergency shelters, case management and court advocacy); offer forensic exams to sexual assault victims; train sexual assault forensic examiners (SAFEs) and sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs); develop protocols for law enforcement, prosecution, and the courts; train judges and court personnel, police, prosecutors, and first responders to improve response to violence against women; serve rural areas lacking critical interventions; assist immigrant victims facing cultural, linguistic, and immigration-related barriers; and support coordinated community response efforts and initiatives that mutually benefit victim services and the criminal justice system.

### **Administering VAWA STOP Formula Grant**

The State Department of the Attorney General is the designated administering agency for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Formula Grant. The State Attorney General chairs the VAWA State Planning Committee (VPC), which includes 14 representatives: three (3) domestic violence and sexual assault victim service programs, including one culturally specific service provider; two (2) state coalitions for domestic violence and sexual assault; two (2) Prosecuting Attorneys; two (2) Police Chiefs; one (1) Family Court Judge; and three (3) Directors from Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and the Hawaii State

Commission on the Status of Women. The U.S. Attorney is an ex-officio member of the VPC. The committee also invites two (2) additional Prosecuting Attorneys and two (2) additional Police Chiefs to be non-voting participants at the meetings. The VPC is a forum for identifying the needs of victims and establishing STOP funding priorities for prosecution, law enforcement, courts, and victim service providers. The priorities established at the VPC meetings shape the solicitations developed by the Department.

The Department solicits applications in accordance with the State statute and procurement administrative rules. Non-profit, non-governmental agencies including faith-based and community organizations apply through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process for victim services. Criminal justice agencies are awarded using a formula plan which distributes the funds amongst the four county police departments, four county prosecutor's offices and to the unified state court system. The award process for all agencies requires applicants to identify and address in their proposals the degree of need and availability of resources for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. The project activities must describe the anticipated impact on the target population and geographic area. The solicitation for all STOP Program grant funds include mandatory provisions requiring local law enforcement, prosecution, and courts to consult with victim services programs during the course of developing their grant applications in order to ensure that proposed activities and equipment acquisitions are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and self-sufficiency of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

### **Use of administrative funds**

The State will comply with the federal program allocation as follows: 25% to law enforcement, 25% to prosecution, 30% to non-governmental, non-profit victim service providers (of which 10% shall be allocated for cultural and linguistic specific services), and 5% to the Judiciary. Ten percent of each program allocation will be used for administrative funds for the Department. The administrative funds will be used for the following: payroll for staff administering the STOP grant; intra-state and out-of-state travel relating to grant administration and project monitoring; administrative/legal review of contracts; and, other miscellaneous expenses such as postage, membership dues, and subscriptions. The State will adhere to the budget requirements as described in the OVW FY 2015 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant solicitation.

### **Updated Demographic Data**

According to the 2013 American Community Survey, Hawaii's total resident population reached 1,404,054, reflecting a 1% population growth from 2012. The State geographically is separated into eight major islands which are incorporated into four counties. The island of Oahu (Honolulu County) was the most populous island with 983,429 residents, followed by the island of Hawaii with an estimated 190,821 residents. Maui County, which includes the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai, had 160,195 residents. The island of Kauai had 69,512 residents.

In the 2013 ACS, the statewide median age was 38.1 years. Twenty-two percent of the population was under 18 years old and 16% was 65 years and older. The percentage of households with one or more people 65 years and over was 32.5% which is ranked second highest in the nation. Regarding racial and ethnic groups, 90.2% of the population reported as

non-Hispanic and 9.8% of the population reported as Hispanic or Latino. For people reporting as one race alone, 23.0% was White; 2.0% was Black or African American; 0.1% was American Indian and Alaska Native; 37.0% was Asian; 9.0% was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; and .05% was some other race. Approximately 19.1% reported two or more races.

VAWA STOP Subgrant Awards -- FY 2009										
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 220,035									
Hawaii Police Department	\$ 51,095	Specialized Training								
Maui Police Department	\$ 16,731	Improving Response to Violent Crimes Against Women	X							
Honolulu Police Department	\$ 59,403	Continuing Higher Education								
Maui Police Department	\$ 38,898	Maui Sexual Assault Response Team	X							
Kauai Police Department	\$ 36,039	SANE Recruitment, Training and Stand-by Pay	X							
Hawaii Police Department	\$ 17,869	Specialized Investigative Training								
<b>PROSECUTION</b>	<b>\$ 220,035</b>									
Hawaii Prosecutor	\$ 50,205	DV Prosecution	X							
Maui Prosecutor	\$ 49,404	DV Investigations	X							
Kauai Prosecutor	\$ 47,002	DV Prosecution Unit	X							
Honolulu Prosecutor	\$ 73,424	Misdemeanor DV	X							
<b>JUDICIARY</b>	<b>\$ 42,236</b>									
First Judicial Circuit	\$ 42,236	Improving Judicial Response								
<b>VICTIM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 395,766</b>									
Parents and Children Together	\$ 76,085	Enhanced Case Management and Namelehuapono Wahine Project								
Sex Abuse Treatment Center	\$ 235,036	Statewide Sexual Assault Services								
Sex Abuse Treatment Center**	\$ 84,645	Hawaii Sexual Assault Response and Training (HSART)	X							

\*\* Discretionary funds were used on this project.



VAWA STOP Subgrant Awards -- FY 2011										
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 231,202									
Honolulu Police Department	\$ 79,444	DV Training & Officer Involved DV Training								
Hawaii Police Department	\$ 52,061	SAFE Stand-By Pay & Forensic Exams	X							
Maui Police Department	\$ 51,794	DV Outreach in Underserved Communities	X							
Kauai Police Department	\$ 47,903	SANE Stand-By Pay, Coordination & Non-Reporting Exams	X							
<b>PROSECUTION</b>	<b>\$ 231,202</b>									
Honolulu Prosecutor	\$ 79,444	DV & SA Training for Prosecutor								
Hawaii Prosecutor	\$ 52,061	DV Prosecution	X							
Maui Prosecutor**	\$ 70,172	DV Investigations	X							
Kauai Prosecutor	\$ 47,903	DV Prosecution	X							
<b>JUDICIARY</b>	<b>\$ 46,240</b>									
First Judicial Circuit	\$ 46,240	Trauma & DV								
<b>VICTIM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 397,785</b>									
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	\$ 87,425	Outreach to, Legal Services for, & Training about Immigrant Victims	X							
Child and Family Service	\$ 117,872	Trauma Informed Intensive Case Management								
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	\$ 3,086	Hispanic Family Violence Awareness Project III								
Domestic Violence Action Center**	\$ 189,402	Holistic Services for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence								

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<b>VAWA STOP Subgrant Awards -- FY 2013</b>										
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 227,284</b>									
Honolulu Police Department	\$ 76,775	Continuing Professional DV and SA Training								
Hawaii Police Department	\$ 51,525	Hawaii Island SAFE Program Continuation	x							
Maui Police Department	\$ 51,289	Domestic Violence: Strangulation	x							
Kauai Police Department	\$ 47,695	SANE Exams and Supportive Funding and DNA Analysis	x							
<b>PROSECUTION</b>	<b>\$ 227,284</b>									
Honolulu Prosecutor	\$ 76,775	Felony DV					x			
Hawaii Prosecutor	\$ 51,525	DV Prosecution					x			
Maui Prosecutor	\$ 51,289	DV Investigations					x			
Kauai Prosecutor	\$ 47,695	DV Prosecution Unit					x			
<b>JUDICIARY</b>	<b>\$ 45,457</b>									
First Judicial Circuit	\$ 45,457	Examining Battersers Intervention Programs					x			
<b>VICTIM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 409,110</b>									
Domestic Violence Action Center	\$ 125,436	Specialized Services for Survivors								
Parents and Children Together	\$ 63,527	Supportive Transition Services to Transgender Women Victims of Violence								
Life Foundation	\$ 53,430	Hispanic Family Violence Awareness Project III								
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	\$ 28,822	Maui County Enhanced Sexual Assault Response								
Child and Family Service**	\$ 87,895	Hale Hoomalu								
Molokai Community Service Council**	\$ 50,000									

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