

Michigan Division of Victim Services

Federal Grant Overview

Grant Title: OVW Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant (SASP Formula) Program

CFDA #: 16.017

Statutory Authority: 34 U.S.C. § 12511

CFR Reference:

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")

DVS grant programs that may include SASP:

- Culturally Specific/Underserved (CSU/CSUP)
 - Sexual Assault Comprehensive Services (SACS)
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Program Summary

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP) is awarded to states and territories. It assists them in supporting rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that **provide services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault and their families, household members and those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization without regard to age.**

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/sexual-assault-services-formula-grant-program-sasp>

Allowable Activities

SASP funds shall be used to provide grants to rape crisis centers and other non-profit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs for programs and activities that provide direct intervention and related assistance. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(2)(C), intervention and related assistance may include:

1. 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral.
2. Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings.
3. Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members.
4. Information and referral to assist the sexual assault victim and family or household members.
5. Community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms including outreach activities for underserved communities.

Unallowable Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery

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:

1. Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived 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.
2. Crafting policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator.
3. Developing materials that are not tailored to the dynamics of sexual assault or the culturally specific population to be served.
4. Crafting policies or engaging in practices that impose restrictive conditions to be met by the victim in order to receive services (e.g., counseling, seeking an order for protection).
5. Sharing confidential victim information with outside organizations and/or individuals without the documented consent of the victim; and
6. Crafting policies that require the victim to report the sexual assault to law enforcement.

Unallowable Costs

Specific to the SASP grant:

1. Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations.
2. Vehicle purchases.
3. Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SANE) programs.
4. Criminal justice-related projects including law enforcement, prosecution, courts and forensic interviews.
5. Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) coordination.
6. Educational programs or training for allied professionals or the general public.
7. Activities focused on prevention efforts and/or public education (e.g. bystander intervention, social norms campaigns, presentations on healthy relationships, etc).
8. Research projects.
9. Domestic violence services that do not relate to sexual violence.
10. Projects implemented by child advocacy centers (note: SASP funds cannot support child advocacy centers because the focus of the program is “establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and other nongovernmental or tribal programs and projects to assist individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault, **without regard to the age of the individual** [emphasis added].” This means that funded service providers must provide services to sexual assault victims of all ages. In addition, SASP funds may not be used for prosecution or law enforcement projects such as forensic examinations or forensic interviewing, which are often components of the child advocacy centers.)

11. Fund organizations that focus on a particular age. The subgrantee organization itself must provide services to sexual assault victims of all ages.
12. Purchase food and beverage.

Unallowable in all federal DOJ grants:

https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/DOJ_FinancialGuide_1.pdf

1. **Non-Grant Related Costs** Expenses not associated with the award program.
2. **Grant funds to match funding for unallowable costs.** Also within the category of unallowable costs are any costs considered inappropriate by the awarding agency. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 (Disallowed Costs).
3. **Land Acquisition** DOJ grant funds may not be used for land acquisition. See, e.g., 34 U.S.C. 10233.
4. **Costs for rental of any property (to include commercial or residential real estate)** owned by individuals or entities affiliated with the recipient or subrecipient, for purposes such as the home office workspace are unallowable. The cost of related utilities is also unallowable. 2 C.F.R. 200.465(c)(6), (f).
5. **Compensation of Federal Employees** including salary payments, consulting fees, or other compensation, transportation, lodging, subsistence to Federal employees.
6. **Bonuses or Commissions** Recipients and subrecipients cannot pay any bonus or commission to any individual or organization to obtain approval of an application for award assistance. *Distribution of earnings in excess of costs, such as when used for bonuses and commissions for certain positions for non-profit organizations, may be unallowable. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.430(g).*
7. **Lobbying** Grantees must comply with the provisions in 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 (Lobbying) and 18 U.S.C. 1913, as appropriate.
8. **Fundraising** The costs of organized fundraising, including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions may not be charged as direct or indirect costs against awards.
 - a. The portion of a person's salary that covers time spent engaged in unallowable fundraising, and any indirect costs associated with those salaries, may not be charged to the award.
 - b. An organization may accept donations (e.g., goods, space, services) towards fundraising, as long as the value of the donations is not charged as a direct or indirect cost to the award.
 - c. Nothing in this section should be read to prohibit a recipient from engaging in fundraising activities, as long as such activities are not financed by Federal or matching funds.
9. **Corporate Formation** The cost for corporate formation (startup costs) may not be charged as either direct or indirect costs against the award except with prior approval from the awarding agency. See 2 C.F.R. 200.455.
10. **Entertainment-** including amusement, diversion, social activities, and any associated costs (i.e. tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities) are unallowable. Certain exceptions may apply when such costs have a programmatic purpose and have been approved by the awarding agency (2 C.F.R. 200.438);

11. **Fines and penalties**- except when incurred as a result of compliance with specific provisions of an award or contract, or with prior written approval from the awarding agency (2 C.F.R. 200.441); ■ Home office workspace and related utilities (2 C.F.R. 200.465(c)(6) and (f));
12. **Honoraria** is unallowable when the primary intent is to confer distinction on, or to symbolize respect, esteem, or admiration for the recipient of the honorarium. A payment for services rendered, such as a speaker’s fee under an award is allowable;
13. **Bar charges/alcoholic beverages** (2 C.F.R. 200.423)
14. **Membership fees** to organizations whose primary activity is lobbying (2 C.F.R. 200.454(e)).
15. **Purchase of real property.**
16. **Physical modifications to buildings** including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).
17. **Construction.**
18. **Sales tax**
19. **Costs Incurred Outside the Project Period** Any costs that are incurred either before the start of the project period or after the expiration of the project period are not allowable, unless written approval covering these costs is granted by the awarding agency. See Section 3.2, Period of Availability of Funds.
20. **Supplanting** Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant non-federal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Award Conditions

Award Federal Fiscal Year	Special Conditions
2022	https://www.justice.gov/media/1223706/dl?inline
2021	https://www.justice.gov/media/1166091/dl?inline
2020	https://www.justice.gov/media/1078501/dl?inline
2019	https://www.justice.gov/media/1019646/dl?inline

Match

This program has no matching or cost-sharing requirement.

Reporting

Federal SASP Annual Progress Report (SAPR) on calendar year due in February 2024:

Report Form

<https://www.vawamei.org/tools-resource/sasp-subgrantee-progress-reporting-form/>

Report Instructions

<https://www.vawamei.org/tools-resource/administrators-quick-guide-for-reviewing-sasp-subgrantee-annual-progress-reports/>

SASP SAPR Form Instructions:

- Save the form to your computer.
- Open the Adobe Reader DC program. To access the current version of Adobe Reader DC go to: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- With Adobe Reader DC open, go to “File,” select “Open” and choose the reporting form saved to your computer.
- Complete the progress report and then check for completeness and accuracy by clicking the “validate” button at the end of the form.

Other Resources

OVW Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant (SASP Formula) Program

https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/pages/attachments/2014/10/07/sasp-faq_final.pdf

OVW SASP FAQ

https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2015_SASP_FAQ.pdf