



**Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances  
STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program –  
2024 STOP**

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**1. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements and DOJ Grants Financial Guide**

The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) 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 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 apply to this Grant Subaward.

The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) also agrees that all financial records pertinent to this Grant Subaward, including the general accounting ledger and all supporting documents, are subject to Cal OES's review throughout the life of the Grant Subaward, during the close-out process, and for seven years after the Subrecipient makes final payments and all other pending matters are closed, unless a different retention period applies. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must provide access to performance measurement information, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.334, 200.337.

**2. Requirements Related to System for Award Management and Unique Entity Identifiers**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 the current information in SAM.

Subrecipients also must comply with applicable restrictions for Second-Tier Subawards, including restrictions on Grant Subawards to entities that do not

acquire and provide (to Subrecipients) the unique entity identifier assigned by SAM.

The details of the Subrecipients' 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.

### **3. Requirement to Report Actual or Imminent Breach of Personally Identifiable Information**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 they:

- Create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, disclose, or dispose of "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)" (as defined in 2 C.F.R. 200.1) within the scope of an OVW grant-funded program or activity, or
- Use or operate a "Federal information system" (as defined in OMB Circular A-130).

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must have breach procedures that must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to Cal OES no later than 18 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

### **4. Requirements Pertaining to Prohibited Conduct Related to Trafficking in Persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate Grant Subaward)**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients).

The details of the Subrecipients' obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OVW website at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions> (Award Condition:

Prohibited conduct by Subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

#### **5. Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors**

This condition applies to the Grant Subaward (if it is indicated) when some or all of the activities to be carried out under the Grant Subaward (whether by Subrecipients, or Second-Tier Subrecipients) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status.

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#### **6. Compliance with Applicable Rules Regarding Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conferences, Meetings, Trainings, and Other Events**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 Grant Subaward appears on the OVW website at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/conference-planning>.

#### **7. OVW Training Guiding Principles**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding under this Grant Subaward must adhere to the OVW Training Guiding Principle for Grantee and Subgrantees, available at

<https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2012/06/28/ovw-training-guiding-principles-granteessubgrantees>.

## **8. Potential Imposition of Additional Requirements**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by OVW during the period of performance for this Grant Subaward, if Subrecipients are designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

## **9. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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.

## **10. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38.

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 relate to Subrecipient organizations (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient organizations) that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities.

## **11. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "educational programs."

## **12. Restrictions on "Lobbying" and Policy Development**

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds may not be used by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), either directly or indirectly, to support 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. Subrecipients (or any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), 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 Subrecipient (or any Second-Tier Subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the Subrecipient is to contact Cal OES for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of Cal OES.

### **13. Compliance with General Appropriations-law Restrictions on the use of Federal Funds**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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.

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#### **14. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must promptly refer to Cal OES any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, Subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this Grant Subaward-- (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 Grant Subaward should also be reported to Cal OES. Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

#### **15. Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-disclosure Agreements and Related Matters**

No Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) under this Grant Subaward, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this Grant Subaward, 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 Grant Subaward, 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.

- a. In accepting this Grant Subaward, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients):
  - 1) Represent that they neither require, nor have 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

- 2) Certify that, if they learn, or are notified, that they have, or have been, requiring their 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, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.
- b. If Subrecipients are authorized under this award to make Second-Tier Subawards, procurement contracts, or both:
- 1) Subrecipients represent that:
    - a) No other entity (whether through a Second-Tier Subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) that they pass funds to either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
    - b) Appropriate inquiry has been made, or otherwise Subrecipients have an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and
  - 2) It certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any Second-Tier Subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this Grant Subaward 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, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.

**16. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with, and are 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.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) also must inform their 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 Grant Subaward, the Subrecipient is to contact Cal OES for guidance.

**17. 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), the DOJ encourages Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this Grant Subaward, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

**18. Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory Requirements**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements, which may include, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, P.L. 113-4, the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, P.L. 117-103, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq., and OVW's implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 90.

## **19. VAWA 2013 Nondiscrimination Condition**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) acknowledge that 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13) prohibits Subrecipients 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. Subrecipients may provide sex-segregated or sex-specific programming if doing so is necessary to the essential operations of the program, so long as the Subrecipient provides comparable services to those who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) agrees that it will comply with this provision.

## **20. Misuse of Award Funds**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree 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.

## **21. Confidentiality and Information Sharing**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) also agree 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>.

Under section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 13925(b)(2)), Subrecipients 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 Subrecipients, 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.

(A) 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, Subrecipients under this subchapter shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services.

(B) Nondisclosure – Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D), Subrecipients shall not-

- i. Disclose, reveal, or release any personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through Recipients' and Subrecipients' programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected; or
- ii. 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 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. Subrecipients shall make reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information; and
- ii. Subrecipients shall take steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of the information.

(D) Information sharing –

i. Subrecipients may share –

- I. Nonpersonally identifying data in the aggregate regarding services to their clients and nonpersonally 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, 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 Subrecipient.
- 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 Recipient or Subrecipient 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 – Subrecipients must document their compliance with the confidentiality and privacy provisions required under this section.

## **22. Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery or Undermine Offender Accountability**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that Grant Subaward 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.

## **23. Policy for Response to Workplace-related Incidents of Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, and Dating Violence**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 website 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.

#### **24. Performance Progress Reports and Final Report Submission**

Subrecipients agree to provide Cal OES with specific information regarding Grant Subawards. Subrecipients agree to submit an annual report that includes: a) an assessment of whether stated goals and objectives were achieved; b) information on the effectiveness of activities carried out with grant funds, including the number of persons served and the number of persons seeking services who could not be served; c) information on each Grant Subaward made; and d) such other information as OVW may prescribe. Subrecipients must use the designated forms and/or systems made available by OVW for performance reporting, which identify the information that Subrecipients must collect and report as a condition of receiving funding under this award.

#### **25. Publications Disclaimer for STOP Formula Subrecipients**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree 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."

#### **26. Copyrighted Works**

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.315(b), Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under this Grant Subaward. 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 (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient), of this Grant Subaward, for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

In addition, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients or contractors) must obtain advance written approval from Cal OES, and must comply with all conditions specified by Cal OES in connection with that approval, before: 1) using Grant Subaward 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 Grant Subaward.

It is the responsibility of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients, contractors, or subcontractors as applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward, contract, or subcontract under this award.

## **27. Ongoing Compliance with Statutory Certifications**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that compliance with the statutory certification requirements is an ongoing responsibility during the Grant Subaward 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(a)-(d) (rape exam payments), 34 U.S.C. § 10449(e) (judicial firearms notification), 34 U.S.C. § 10454(1) (training for prosecutors), 34 U.S.C. § 10454(2) (victim-centered policies, and 34 U.S.C. § 1045(3) (compelling victim testimony), and 34 U.S.C. § 10446(d)(6) (compliance with statutory award conditions). 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.

## **28. Requirements for Subrecipients Providing Legal Assistance**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that the legal assistance eligibility requirements, as set forth below, are a continuing obligation on the part of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients).

1. The legal assistance eligibility requirements are:

- (A) any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under this grant program
  - i. is a licensed attorney or is working under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney
  - ii. in immigration proceedings, is a Board Immigration Appeals accredited representative

- iii. in Veterans' Administration claims, is an accredited representative
  - iv. is any person who functions as an attorney or lay advocate in tribal court
- (B)
- i. has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or
  - ii. is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in clause (i) and
  - iii. has completed or will complete training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, 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 of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, state, territorial, local, or culturally specific domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, state, territorial, and local 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. Subrecipients' (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients') 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. Subrecipients also agree to ensure that any Second-Tier Subrecipient will comply with this condition.



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Notice for OVW Grantees Regarding Unallowable Costs Under the Award (re: legal services to certain aliens)

Date: November 19, 2025

By its express terms, the Legal Services for Aliens provision of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (which generally disallows the costs of providing legal services to any removable alien (see 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(e)(2)) or to any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States from being charged against DOJ grant awards) does not apply where "such disallowance would contravene any express requirement of any law ... applicable to the award." Regulations currently in effect (which thus

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have the force of law) and applicable to VOCA Victim Assistance grants (28 C.F.R. Part 94, Subpart B) made by the Office of Justice Programs' Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and grants made by the Office on Violence Against Women ("OVW") (28 C.F.R. Part 90) variously provide that victim eligibility for direct services under such grants is not dependent on the victim's immigration status. Accordingly, costs for such services under those grants are not disallowed by the Legal Services for Aliens provision of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (ch. 3.13 "Unallowable Costs").

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- Use or operate a "Federal information system" (as defined in OMB Circular A-130).

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must have breach procedures that must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to Cal OES no later than 18 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

**4. Requirements Pertaining to Prohibited Conduct Related to Trafficking in Persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate Grant Subaward)**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients).

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

**5. Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors**

This condition applies to the Grant Subaward when some or all of the activities to be carried out under the Grant Subaward (whether by Subrecipients, or Second-Tier Subrecipients) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 website 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.

**6. Compliance with Applicable Rules Regarding Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conferences, Meetings, Trainings, and Other Events**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 Grant Subaward appears on the OVW website at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/conference-planning>.

**7. OVW Training Guiding Principles**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding under this Grant Subaward must adhere to the OVW Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees available at <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2012/06/28/ovw-training-guiding-principles-grantees-subgrantees.pdf>.

**8. Potential Imposition of Additional Requirements**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by OVW during the period of performance for this Grant Subaward, if Subrecipients are designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

**9. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42.

**10. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 states that a faith-based organization that participates in this program retains its independence from the Government and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections in federal law. Part 38 further states that an organization may not use direct federal financial assistance from the Department of Justice to support or engage in explicitly religious activities except when consistent with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and any other applicable requirements. An organization receiving federal financial assistance also may not, in providing services funded by the Department of Justice, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary 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 relate to engaging in or conducting explicitly religious activities.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) that provide social services under this Grant Subaward must give written notice to beneficiaries and prospective beneficiaries prior to the provision of services (if practicable) which shall include language substantially similar to the language in 28 CFR Part 38, Appendix C, sections (1) through (4). A sample written notice may be found at [https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/Written\\_Notice\\_of\\_Beneficiary\\_Protections.pdf](https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/Written_Notice_of_Beneficiary_Protections.pdf).

In certain instances, a faith-based or religious organization may be able to take religion into account when making hiring decisions, provided it satisfies certain requirements.

For more information on the requirements referenced in this condition, see <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/partnerships-faith-based-and-other-neighborhood-organizations>.

#### **11. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "educational programs."

#### **12. Restrictions on "Lobbying" and Policy Development**

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds may not be used by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), either directly or

indirectly, to support 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. Subrecipients (or any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), 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 Subrecipient (or any Second-Tier Subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the Subrecipient is to contact Cal OES for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of Cal OES.

### **13. Compliance with General Appropriations-law Restrictions on the use of Federal Funds**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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](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 Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, Subrecipients are to contact Cal OES for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of Cal OES.

#### **14. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must promptly refer to Cal OES any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, Subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this Grant Subaward— (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 Grant Subaward should also be reported to Cal OES. Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

#### **15. Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-disclosure Agreements and Related Matters**

No Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) under this Grant Subaward, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this Grant Subaward, 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 Grant Subaward, 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.

- a. In accepting this Grant Subaward, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients):
  - 1) Represent that they neither require, nor have 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

2) Certify that, if they learn, or are notified, that they have, or have been, requiring their 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, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.

b. If Subrecipients are authorized under this award to make Second-Tier Subawards, procurement contracts, or both:

1) Subrecipients represent that:

a) No other entity (whether through a Second-Tier Subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) that they pass funds to either requires or 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) Appropriate inquiry has been made, or otherwise Subrecipients have an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

2) It certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any Second-Tier Subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this Grant Subaward 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, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.

**16. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with, and are 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.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) also must inform their 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 Grant Subaward, the Subrecipient is to contact Cal OES for guidance.

### **17. 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 Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this Grant Subaward, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

### **18. Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory Requirements**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements, which may include, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, P.L. 113-4, the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2022, P.L. 117-103, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq., and OVW's implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 90.

### **19. VAWA 2013 Nondiscrimination Condition**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13) in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by OVW. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) may provide sex-segregated or sex-specific programming if doing so is necessary to the

essential operations of a program, so long as the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) provides comparable services to those who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) agrees that it will comply with this provision.

## **20. Misuse of Award Funds**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that misuse of Grant Subaward 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 a Grant Subaward, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

## **21. Confidentiality and Information Sharing**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) also agree 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>.

Under section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 13925(b)(2)), Subrecipients 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 Subrecipients, 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.

(A) 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, Subrecipients under this subchapter shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services.

(B) Nondisclosure – Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D), Subrecipients shall not-

- i. Disclose, reveal, or release any personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through Recipients' and Subrecipients' programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected; or
- ii. 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 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. Subrecipients shall make reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information; and
- ii. Subrecipients shall take steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of the information.

(D) Information sharing –

- i. Subrecipients may share –
  - I. Nonpersonally identifying data in the aggregate regarding services to their clients and nonpersonally 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, 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 Subrecipient.
  - 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 Recipient or Subrecipient 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 – Subrecipients must document their compliance with the confidentiality and privacy provisions required under this section.

**22. Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery or Undermine Offender Accountability**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that Grant Subaward funds will not support activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability, such as: procedures or policies that exclude eligible victims from receiving services based on the classifications identified in 34 U.S.C. 12291 (b)(13)(A) or, their actual or perceived mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, immigration status, employment history or status, income or lack of income, 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 notice of funding opportunity or companion guide under which the application was submitted.

**23. Policy for Response to Workplace-related Incidents of Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, and Dating Violence**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) 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 website 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.

**24. Performance Progress Reports and Final Report Submission**

Subrecipients agree to provide Cal OES with specific information regarding Grant Subawards. Subrecipients agree to submit an annual report that includes: a) an assessment of whether stated goals and objectives were achieved; b) information on the effectiveness of activities carried out with grant funds, including the number of persons served and the number of persons seeking services who could not be served; c) information on each Grant Subaward made; and d) such other information as OVW may

prescribe. Subrecipients must use the designated forms and/or systems made available by OVW for performance reporting, which identify the information that Subrecipients must collect and report as a condition of receiving funding under this award.

## **25. Publications Disclaimer for STOP Formula Subrecipients**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree 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 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services 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."

## **26. Copyrighted Works**

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.315(b), Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under this Grant Subaward. 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 (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient), of this Grant Subaward, for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

In addition, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients or contractors) must obtain advance written approval from Cal OES, and must comply with all conditions specified by Cal OES in connection with that approval, before: 1) using Grant Subaward 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 Grant Subaward.

It is the responsibility of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients, contractors, or subcontractors as applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward, contract, or subcontract under this award.

## **27. Ongoing Compliance with Statutory Certifications**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that compliance with the statutory certification requirements is an ongoing responsibility during the Grant Subaward 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(a)-(d) (rape exam payments), 34 U.S.C. § 10449(e) (judicial firearms notification), 34 U.S.C. § 10454(1) (training for prosecutors), 34 U.S.C. § 10454(2) (victim-centered policies, and 34 U.S.C. § 1045(3) (compelling victim testimony), and 34 U.S.C. § 10446(d)(6) (compliance with statutory award conditions). 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.

## **28. Requirements for Subrecipients Providing Legal Assistance**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that the legal assistance eligibility requirements, as set forth below, are a continuing obligation on the part of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients).

1. The legal assistance eligibility requirements are:

- (A) any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under this grant program
  - i. is a licensed attorney or is working under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney
  - ii. in immigration proceedings, is a Board Immigration Appeals accredited representative
  - iii. in Veterans' Administration claims, is an accredited representative
  - iv. is any person who functions as an attorney or lay advocate in tribal court

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- i. has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or
  - ii. is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in clause (i) and
  - iii. has completed or will complete training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, 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 tribal, state, territorial, local, or culturally specific domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, state, territorial, and local 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. Subrecipients' (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients') 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. Subrecipients also agree to ensure that any Second-Tier Subrecipient will comply with this condition.

**29. Limitation on Use of Funds for Activities Addressing Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP)**

The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agrees that grant funds will not be used for addressing MMIP unrelated to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

**30. Limitation on Use of Funds for Activities Addressing Human Trafficking**

The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agrees that grant funds will not be used for activities addressing human trafficking unrelated to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

2025 Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women (VAW) Formula Grant Program	
Assistance Listing Number and Title	16.588 – Violence Against Women Formula Grants
2025 STOP Award Description	The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Formula Grant Program) was authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and reauthorized by subsequent legislation. The STOP Formula Grant Program encourages partnerships between law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and victim services organizations to enhance victim safety and hold offenders accountable in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The goal of the grant program is to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services, including community-based, culturally specific services, in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.



## Program Standard Assurances Addendum

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**As the duly authorized representative of the Applicant/Subrecipient, I hereby certify** that the Applicant/Subrecipient, and any of its second-tier subrecipients or representatives, will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal statutes, including but not limited to the following state and federal statutes prohibiting hate-based conduct:

- (a) California Penal Code section 422.6(a);
- (b) California Penal Code section 404.6;
- (c) California Penal Code section 422(a);
- (d) California Civil Code section 52.1;
- (e) 18 U.S.C. § 249;
- (f) 42 U.S.C. § 3631;
- (g) 18 U.S.C. § 247; and
- (h) 18 U.S.C. § 241, 245.

Additionally, Applicant/Subrecipient will not engage, and certifies that it will take steps to ensure that its second-tier subrecipients and representatives do not engage, in conduct contrary to the purposes of the grant program and/or that threatens the safety and security of Californians, including, but not limited to, acts of violence or unlawful intimidation on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or other protected classifications. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, violation of the federal and state laws identified herein.

**The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this Addendum for and on behalf of the Applicant/Subrecipient. Applicant/Subrecipient understands that failure to comply with this Addendum or any of the assurances may result in suspension, termination, reduction, or de-obligation of funding. Applicant/Subrecipient agrees to repay funds in the event there is a violation of grant assurances.**



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## **Standard Assurances of Compliance**

I hereby certify that the Subrecipient is responsible for reviewing the Subrecipient Handbook (SRH) and adhering to all of the Grant Subaward requirements as directed by Cal OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

**I. Civil Rights Compliance – SRH Section 2.020**

The Subrecipient acknowledges awareness of, and the responsibility to comply with all state and federal civil rights laws. The Subrecipient certifies it will not discriminate in the delivery of services or benefits based on any protected class and will comply with all requirements of this section of the SRH.

**II. Equal Employment Opportunity – SRH Section 2.025**

The Subrecipient certifies it will promote Equal Employment Opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of any status protected by state or federal law and will comply with all requirements of this section of the SRH.

**III. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – SRH Section 2.030**

The Subrecipient certifies it will comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and all other requirements of this section of the SRH.

**IV. Lobbying – SRH Sections 2.040 and 4.105**

The Subrecipient certifies it will not use Grant Subaward funds, property, or funded positions for any lobbying activities and will comply with all requirements of this section of the SRH.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the Subrecipient and available for Cal OES upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Grant Subaward(s), termination of the Grant Subaward(s), and/or ineligibility for future Grant Subawards if Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Subrecipient has made false certification, or (2) the Subrecipient violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.