**The Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

**Training and Technical Assistance for DCF Funded Sexual Assault Agencies**

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To be returned to DCF via email address DCFDSPDomesticAbuse@wisconsin.gov

no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 18, 2022

We are pleased to announce that the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) has issued to states a historic investment for rape crisis centers and sexual assault programs to support sexual assault survivors impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties with information to enable them to prepare and submit an application to provide Training and Technical Assistance to programs that receive this funding.

**Background**

Wisconsin has received $2,820,665 in supplemental FVPSA funds to support survivors of sexual assault. The purpose of the FVPSA Sexual Assault Grant to support survivors of sexual assault is to:

1. assist with the transition to virtual/remote services for rape crisis centers, sexual assault programs, tribal programs, and culturally specific programs that provide crisis services, support services, and assistance to survivors of sexual assault, and;
2. support the increased emergency needs of sexual assault survivors as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Eligibility**

Applications may be submitted by any organization, including a nonprofit corporation; a public agency; or a tribal government; that believes they can adequately meet the goals of the application.

If your agency is not a current recipient of DCF funding, please complete the attached supplier documents and return with your application.

**Program Overview**

The purpose of the FVPSA Sexual Assault Grant funds is to 1) assist with the transition to virtual/remote services for sexual assault programs, tribal programs, and culturally specific programs that provide crisis services, support services, and assistance to survivors of sexual support, and 2) support the increased emergency needs of sexual assault survivors as a result of the COVID -19 pandemic.

DCF has identified that there needs to be training and technical assistance resources from providers that have experience with sexual assault service delivery to support DCF funded agencies in developing, implementing, and sustaining sexual assault support services to survivors. DCF expects that the training and technical assistance provider will work with DCF funded agencies on a regular and as needed basis to enhance the work occurring with the program and community. Potential activities that could be included in a successful training and technical assistance support may include:

* Provide training, technical assistance, and resource materials to sexual assault service providers.
* Plan and implement monthly technical assistance and supportive calls with programs providing sexual assault services.
* Provide technical assistant to the staff of sexual assault programs experiencing difficulties or challenges, or as requested by DCF.
* Ensure that training and technical assistance activities are responsive to the needs and issues of traditionally marginalized populations.
* Meet with DCF on a quarterly basis to review progress on grant deliverables, plan for upcoming activities, and discuss topics of mutual concern in providing training, technical assistance and support to programs.

**Distribution Process**

Funds will be distributed via a competitive application process. Interested parties must complete the application and budget workbook and email it to DCFDSPDomesticAbuse@wisconsin.gov.

An eligible agency may apply for up to $200,000 in funding.

A separate application process is being released to service provider agencies that will receive the FVPSA Sexual Assault Grant funding.

All applications will be reviewed and scored by DCF program staff and will be ranked based on the numerical scores received.

**Matching Funds**

There is no requirement for matching funds.

**Contracts**

Awarded programs will be issued a contract. The contract period will be February 23, 2022 – September 30, 2024.

**Application**

A simple application and budget workbook is attached. Submit the application and budget to DCFDSPDomesticAbuse@wisconsin.gov by January 18, 2022, 11:59 p.m.

Awarded programs will be notified of the status of their application by February 23, 2022.

**Program Reporting**

Awarded programs will be required to submit an annual performance progress report. The format and due date will be provided at a later date.

**Questions?**

Please contact DCFDSPDomesticAbuse@wisconsin.gov with any questions.