

Notice of Funding Opportunity

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Culturally Specific

Victim Services Program

June 2023



VAWA Formula Grant Program

➤ Purpose of VAWA

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding is federally administered by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office.

The program was designed to assist states with combating violent crimes against women through developing, enlarging, or strengthening services to underserved victim populations of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Program Design

This funding opportunity will support the expansion of culturally specific victim services for those who have experienced sexual assault or domestic violence.

Additionally, this funding opportunity will support the efforts to raise public awareness of victim services for culturally specific programs.



Program Requirements

The VAWA Culturally Specific Program supports nonprofit organizations that serve culturally specific communities and have experience in providing sexual assault or domestic violence services.



Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to provide victim services to culturally specific victim groups.

Experienced in providing sexual assault or domestic violence services.

An entity may not apply for a grant until the entity has registered and pre-qualified through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, www.grants.illinois.gov/portal. Registration and pre-qualification are required each state fiscal year



Goals, Objectives, & Performance Metrics

Funded programs will be required to submit quarterly progress and financial reports based on the objectives applicant agencies propose in their response to this solicitation.



Funding Information

- Grant awards resulting from this opportunity will have a period of performance of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, 12 months. Additional funding of up to 24 months total may be awarded after the initial funding period, contingent upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds. Total funding for the grant program will not exceed 36 months.
- A total of \$300,000 in funding is available through this solicitation. Applicants may request a minimum of \$75,000 and a maximum of \$100,000 in grant funding.



Application and Submission Information

To be considered for funding, applications must be completed and submitted via AmpliFund by the application deadline of :

5:00 p.m. (CST)., June 30, 2023



Questions and Answers

Questions may be submitted via email at:

CJA.CS2023@illinois.gov

All substantive questions and responses will be posted on the ICJIA website at <https://gata.icjia.cloud/>.

- The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) will be updated every Friday.
- The deadline for submitted questions is 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2023.



AmpliFund Submission...



AmpliFund

- Applying Organization must register in the Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal: <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>.
- Applying Organizations must identify an individual who will submit the application via AmpliFund, this person will serve as the Primary Contact for this application. However, more than one individual can have access to and complete components of the application via AmpliFund.
- To complete and submit the application in AmpliFund, go to: <https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/1a1cf131-2f7d-4b61-bc67-ecc22f8c350a>

AmpliFund Registration

Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Welcome to the GATA Grantee Portal

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Create Account

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To access the Portal or Amplifund you must have an Illinois.gov account.

To create an account, click the Create Account button.

For Public domain account help, click the Public Account Help button.

For Partner domain account help, click the Partner Account Help button.

Partner account usernames end in "@external.illinois.gov" are are most likely DHS CRV account users.

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Frequently Asked Questions

- [How to manage AmpliFund Access.](#) ([Webcast](#)) ([Transcript](#))
- [How to access the Illinois GATA Grantee Portal.](#)
- [How to create an Illinois.gov public account.](#)
- [How to reset your password.](#)
- [All Grantee Portal FAQs](#)

Application

Apply at: <https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/1a1cf131-2f7d-4b61-bc67-ecc22f8c350a>

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - Culturally Specific

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Opportunity Information

CSFA Number 546-00-1744

CSFA Popular Name VAWA

Title Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - Culturally Specific

Description Congress first passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 1994 reauthorization in 2005, Congress began a new initiative of the S.T.O.P. VAWA program by authorizing grants to states for programs that would system to female victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The to women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. •De for training police, prosecutors, judges, circuit clerks, probation officers interdisciplinary approach to sexual assault and domestic violence. •Im assess the response of criminal justice agencies in Illinois to sexual ass that states must allocate 25 percent of the funds to law enforcement, 2 providers, and 5 percent to the courts. The remaining 15 percent can b reauthorized in 2013.

Awarding Agency Name Criminal Justice Info Authority

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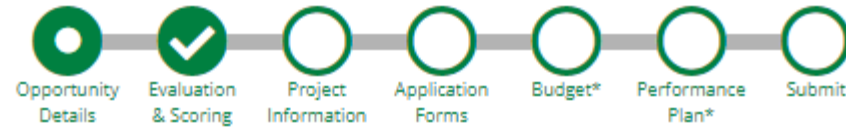


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Person-centered Language

- Applicants are expected to use **person-centered language (PCL)**, using references to “people,” “individuals,” “clients,” and “participants,” versus “offenders” or “felons.” PCL reduces stigmatization that is counter to rehabilitation and reintegration goals.

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Application Forms (7)

Forms

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Name	Status	Print
Uniform Grant Application - Applicant	New	
Program Narrative - Summary of the Program 10 Points	New	
Program Narrative - Statement of the Problem 20 Points	New	
Program Narrative - Project Management 10 Points	New	
Program Narrative - Project Implementation 20 Points	New	
Goals and Performance Metrics - 20 Points	New	
Budget and Budget Narrative Instructions 20 Points	New	

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Program Narrative

These forms will be completed in AmpliFund under “Application Forms.” Please answer all questions and the individual parts of a question.

Please refer to “Program Requirements” and prompts before each question or sets of questions when completing your response.

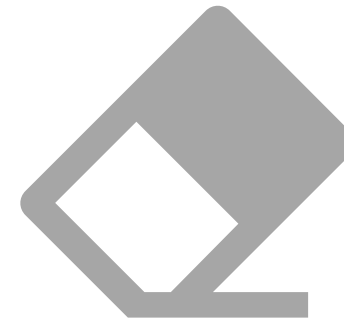
Please use “Evaluation & Scoring” as a guide when completing your response.

Program Narrative should convey: Need for program, current efforts, and understanding and implementation of required program components.

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Summary of Program

Summary of the Program - 10 Points

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Describe the proposed program design and list the culturally specific populations that your program will serve. If you are also including raising public awareness of victim services for culturally specific populations, be sure to describe proposed public awareness activities.


Response *


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













































Goals & Performance Metrics

Goals and Performance Metrics - 20 Points

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1745 - Goals, and Performance Metrics

Information on the following goals must be included in the Performance Plan.

- Milestone: To track completion of grant milestones.
 - Example: 150 clients will be served over the course of the grant period.
 - Example: All staff members will be trained on trauma-informed care.
- Narrative: To capture a narrative response.
 - Example: To ensure all staff are trained on trauma-informed care, we will allow staff to use work time to attend trauma-informed training. We will disseminate dates, times, and locations of free virtual or in-person training throughout the city. Staff who have not received training within three months of the grant period will be contacted and reminded weekly.
- Numeric: To track totals achieved.
 - Example: 90 clients will be referred to external services.
- Percent Achieved: To track percentages achieved.
 - Example: 95% of clients will be assessed for PTSD symptoms.
- Percent Change: To track a percentage increase or decrease.
 - Example: 90% of clients will receive TANF benefits, an increase of 10% over compared to last year's total.

It is recognized that each program may have different needs, goals, and client populations. This program is for 12 months, the metrics should measure meaningful, tangible changes resulting from program implementation or expansion for the designated period of performance.

Download the Performance Metrics Worksheet and click on Performance Measures to complete the individual goal for the program, and determine the numbers/milestones/percentages for each metric.

Goals and Performance Metrics Worksheet
1744-0623 Performance Metrics Worksheet.pdf

Performance Metric Completion *

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**Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
VAWA – Culturally Specific 2023
NOFO # 1744-2498**

Goals and Performance Metrics Worksheet

Goal 1: Provide culturally specific services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.	
Goal Information	Program's Goal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide culturally specific services to [# of victims] of limited English proficiency.• Provide immigration advocacy to [# of victims]• Provide language/translation/interpretation services to [# of victims].• Provide culturally specific counseling services to [# of victims].• Provide transportation to [# of victims]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Percent of victims served who report knowing more ways to plan for their safety• Percent of victims served who report knowing more about community resources.
Goal 2: Strengthen responses to victims of culturally specific groups by providing training to professionals of mainstream/traditional victim service, social service, legal/justice system, health care, or other community partners about culturally specific responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	
Goal Information	Program's Goal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide [# of trainings] to professionals from [organization type or discipline] about cultural diversity and oppression and culturally specific responses to victims.• Train [# of people] from [organization type or discipline] about cultural diversity and oppression and culturally specific responses to victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of trainings.• Percent of training attendees demonstrating increased knowledge about cultural diversity and oppression• Percent of people trained.• Percent of training attendees demonstrating increased knowledge about culturally specific responses to victims



Performance Plan

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Proposed Performance Plan

Goal 1* + Add Goal

Provide culturally specific services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

No items for strategy

Goal 2 + Add Goal

Strengthen responses to victims of culturally specific groups by providing training to professionals of mainstream/traditional victim service, social service, legal/justice system, health care, or other community partners about culturally specific responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking

No items for strategy

Other (optional) + Add Goal

Include other goals for the proposed program

No items for strategy

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New Goal

Goal Information

Goal Type* Numeric

Name*

Number To Be Achieved*

Description

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Budget & Budget Narrative

Read and check Budget Acknowledgement on this form. Then click to Budget and complete the Category - line item and narrative. Remember to **Mark as Complete** on each page.

Budget and Budget Narrative Instructions 20 Points

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AF Budget Completion

1746 Budget and Budget Narrative

This form is used to apply to individual State of Illinois discretionary grant programs.

Applicants should submit budgets based upon the total estimated costs for the project including all funding sources. This program is for 12 months, both the budget and budget narrative should reflect 12 months of programming. Pay attention to applicable program-specific instructions, if attached. The applicant organization should refer to the [Funding Restrictions 2023 pdf](#) and 2 CFR 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" cited within these instructions.

Although the degree of specificity of any budget will vary depending on the nature of the project and State of Illinois agency requirements, a complete, well-thought-out budget serves to reinforce your credibility and increase the likelihood of your proposal being funded. A well-prepared budget should be reasonable and demonstrate that the funds being asked for will be used wisely. The budget should be as concrete and specific as possible in its estimates. Make every effort to be realistic, to estimate costs accurately. Provide a statement that ARI grant funds will not be used to supplant existing federal, state, county, or local funds for your program. If grant funds will be used for the expansion or enhancement of an existing program, the statement must explain how proposed activities will supplement, not supplant, current program activities and staff positions.

Funding Restrictions

For each budget category where funds are requested, it is required that the applicant provide a narrative justification of the proposed expenses.

[Budget Narrative Tip Sheet.pdf](#)

Acknowledgement *

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Expense Budget

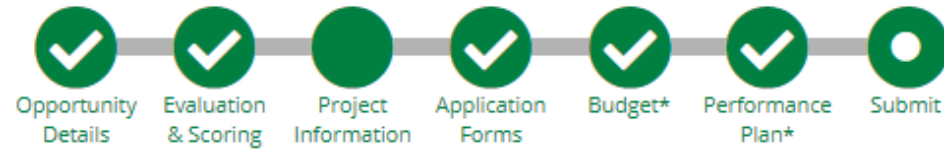
Category	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
+ 1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 3. Travel (2 CFR 200.474)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 4. Equipment (2 CFR 200.439)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 6. Contractual Services & Subawards (2 CFR 200.318 & 200.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 8. Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 9. Occupancy (Rent and Utilities) (2 CFR 200.465)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 10. Research and Development (R&D) (2 CFR 200.87)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 11. Telecommunications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c))	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 14. Other or Miscellaneous Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expense Budget Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Revenue Budget

Grant Funding		
Award Requested	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Grant Funding		
Cash Match		\$0.00
In-Kind Match		\$0.00
Other Funding		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
Total Revenue Budget Cost		\$0.00
Total Overall Budget Cost		\$0.00

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Submission Verification



Success!

You have submitted your application.

Download your completed application by selecting the "Application" button below.

To return to the main screen with all of your applications, select the "Exit" button.



 Application

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Application Due Date: June 30, 2023



All required application materials must be submitted via [AMPLIFUND](#) by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2023, to be considered for funding.



Proposals will **NOT** be accepted by mail, fax, or in-person. Incomplete applications or those sent to another email address will not be reviewed.




Late submissions will **NOT** be reviewed.

Resources

Applicant Technical Assistance Recording. Applicants are advised to view the following technical assistance recordings prior to application submission.

NOFO programmatic requirements

- [Register in the GATA Grantee Portal](#)
- [Creating a GATA Grantee User Account](#)
- [Register in AmpliFund](#)
- [Complete the application in AmpliFund](#)
- [Getting to know GATA and the GATA Grantee Portal](#)
- Learn about the Online Self-paced Grant Course: [YOUR RECIPE FOR GRANT SUCCESS](#)



Questions regarding this NOFO may be submitted to CJA.CS2023@Illinois.gov through 5:00 p.m., June 22, 2023.

Questions and responses will be posted on ICJIA Site and AmpliFund page

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