

# SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM (SASP) Eligibility Guidelines and Allowable Activities

## History

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Program was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, as amended by the technical amendments to that Act, and is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault.

## Purpose

The primary purpose of SASP grants is to support rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault of any age.

## Allocation of Funds

All funds must be used to support sexual assault victims of any age.

## Match Requirements

There are no match requirements for SASP funds. Because it is not known which funding source may fund an applicant at the time the *Application* is submitted to the Office for Victims Programs, all applicants are required to include match on their application.

## Eligible Agencies

The agencies eligible for SASP funds are rape crisis centers and other nonprofit and tribal organizations, such as dual programs providing both sexual violence and domestic violence intervention services. These programs play a vital role in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and social support systems. Although dual SA/DV agencies are eligible, SASP can only fund the sexual assault services, not the domestic violence services. Child advocacy centers are only eligible for SASP funds if they are able to serve any age victim of sexual assault, not only adults with diminished capacity.

## Eligible Services/Purpose Areas

This is defined, in the federal program guidelines, as those efforts that provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of such victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault, except for the perpetrator of such victimization.

## Unallowable Costs & Activities include, but may not be limited to:

- Training to allied professionals and the community
- Most food and refreshments
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner projects
- Sexual Assault Response Team Coordination
- Research projects
- Lobbying and/or fundraising
- Activities focused on prevention efforts and public education (e.g. bystander intervention, social norm

- campaigns, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.)
- Purchase of property, and/or physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations
  - Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews
  - Providing domestic violence services unrelated to sexual violence