

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

April 22, 2020

Dear FVPSA Grantees,

I have an update for you all about the release of supplemental funding to support the continuity of domestic violence services across the country during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency.

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) appropriated \$45,000,000 for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act funded states, Tribes, and state domestic violence coalitions to provide temporary housing, assistance, and supportive services to victims of family, domestic, and dating violence in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency.
- The FVPSA Program also received \$2,000,000 in CARES Act supplemental funding for the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the StrongHearts Native Helpline to support the continuity of hotline services through remote operations.
- The Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), and Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) Program are working to release CARES Act supplemental funding to 256 formula grantees and the National Domestic Violence Hotline by April 30, 2020.
- ACYF, FYSB, and the FVPSA Program have determined the \$45,000,000 of grantee CARES Act supplemental award amounts using the following formula and allocation requirements authorized in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 10403(a)(2) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA):
 - 77.5% to States, for 56 grantees reaching 1,600 domestic violence programs via subgrants
 - 10% to Tribes, for 144 grantees reaching 252 Tribes
 - 10% to Domestic Violence Coalitions, reaching 56 grantees
 - 2.5% to FVPSA Program Administration and Supplemental Award Monitoring
- Please note that there is no match required for the CARES Act supplemental funding for the states, Tribes, coalitions, National Domestic Violence Hotline or sub awardees.
- ACYF, FYSB, and the FVPSA Program will allocate the supplemental appropriations of \$2,000,000 in CARES Act funding to the National Domestic Violence Hotline with a special condition that 25% of the \$2,000,000 be allocated to the StrongHearts Native Helpline.

Next Steps:

- On April 30, 2020, ACF's Office of Grants Management will begin to release supplemental funding for FVPSA funded states, Tribes, coalitions, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.
- On April 30, 2020, the FVPSA Program will release information on the abbreviated application process for CARES Act supplemental funding in accordance with guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families.
- This abbreviated application process will allow all states, Tribes, coalitions, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline to receive their supplemental funding first beginning on April 30, 2020 and then submit a brief narrative, budget, and budget narrative within 30 days. The abbreviated application process and materials will be disseminated via email to all FVPSA funded states, Tribes, coalitions, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline. This information will also be posted on the FVPSA Program's website.

The FVPSA Program recognizes that this is a challenging time for everyone and we know that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency is increasing the need for your services and expertise nationally. I want to thank you all for the work you are doing in response to this public health emergency, and for doing all you can to support domestic violence survivors and advocates.

Sincerely,

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