

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Years 21, 22, 23, and 24

CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDING TO END DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

All numbers are expressed in millions (except as otherwise noted). FY stands for Fiscal Year.

Updated: September 2023

Name of Grant Program	FY 21 Budget	FY 22 Budget	FY 23 Budget	President's Proposed FY 24 Budget	House Proposed FY 24 Budget	Senate Proposed FY 24 Budget	Auth./ Requested Level
COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS							
VAWA PROGRAMS							
STOP - Grants to Combat Violence Against Women ≠	\$215.00	\$217.00	\$255.00	\$300.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$326.00
Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)	\$41.00	\$54.00	\$78.50	\$100.00	\$78.50	\$80.00	\$100.00
Culturally Specific Services Program	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$11.00	\$35.00
Services for Rural Victims	\$45.00	\$48.00	\$50.00	\$51.50	\$50.00	\$51.00	\$100.00
Civil Legal Assistance for Victims	\$47.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$95.00	\$50.00	\$56.00	\$100.00
Transitional Housing (OVW)	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$50.00	\$95.00	\$46.00	\$51.00	\$100.00
Improving Criminal Justice Response ¥ (ICJR)	\$53.00	\$55.00	\$60.50	\$80.00	\$60.50	\$60.50	\$80.00
Consolidated Youth-Oriented Program ‡	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$13.50	\$28.00	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$28.00
Engaging Men and Youth In Prevention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.50	\$10.00	\$3.50	\$13.50	\$10.00
Grants to Support Families in the Justice System	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$28.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$28.00
Violence on College Campuses (Campus Grants) ∞	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$40.00
Protections and Services for Disabled Victims	\$6.50	\$7.50	\$12.00	\$17.50	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$17.50
Elder Abuse Grant Program	\$5.50	\$7.50	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$10.00
National Institute of Justice (NIJ)	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.50
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women in Public and Assisted Housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$2.00
Incentive for States - Closing the Law Enforcement Consent Loophole	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Outreach to Underserved Populations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
Improving Conditions for Women in Federal Custody	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Abby Honold Act *	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act †	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$5.00
National Deaf Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$10.00
Restorative Justice	\$0.00	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
LGBTQ Specific Services Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$8.00
Direct Cash Assistance ∞	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$8.00
Community-based Organizational Capacity Building Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Assault	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.00
Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Addressing Cybercrimes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$14.00

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VAWA PROGRAMS, CONT.							
Grants to State and Tribal Courts to Implement Protection Order Pilot Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00
Tribal Jurisdiction	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
Tribal Access Program	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Nat'l Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault of American Indian and Alaska Native Women	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$2.00
Research on Violence Against Indian Women	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$2.00
National Tribal Sex Offender Registry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Holistic Assault Services on College Campuses Demonstration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
VAWA CJS Total ^	\$513.50	\$578.00	\$705.50	\$1.02b	\$688.50	\$732.00	\$1.17b
VICTIMS OF CRIMES ACT (VOCA)							
VOCA FUND CAP ¶	\$2.015b	\$2.60b	\$1.90b	\$1.20b	\$1.20b	\$1.20b	\$2.00b
Tribal Funding Stream	(\$100.75)	(\$130.00)	(\$95.00)	(\$60.00)	(\$60.00)	(\$60.00)	(10%)
Transfer to VAWA	(\$435.00)	(\$575.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)
Victim Compensation/Other Statutory & Administrative Spending (est.)	(\$400.00)	(\$465.00)	(\$500.00)	(\$400.00) (est)	(\$400.00) (est)	(\$400.00) (est)	(\$385.00) (est)
State Victim Assistance Grants	\$1.04b	\$1.43b	\$1.34b	(\$740.00) (est)	(\$740.00) (est)	(\$740.00) (est)	\$1.40b
LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS							
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES							
Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVP-SA)*/Domestic Violence Shelters	\$182.50	\$195.00	\$227.50	\$492.00	\$240.00	\$235.00	\$500.00
Supporting a Culturally Specific Public Health Approach for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CSPHA) #	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$0.00	\$7.50	\$35.00
National Domestic Violence Hotline**	\$13.00	\$15.50	\$20.50	\$27.00	\$20.50	\$20.50	\$30.00
Sexual Assault Technical Assistance Initiative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL							
Rape Prevention and Education	\$51.75	\$56.75	\$61.75	\$101.75	---	\$61.75	\$101.75
DELTA - Preventive Health Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances°	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$7.50	\$10.50	---	\$7.50	\$26.00
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) Sex Offense Set-Aside Δ	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	---	\$7.00	\$7.00
Bree's Law	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---	---	\$0.00	\$8.00
OTHER HHS PROGRAMS							
VAWA Forensic Exam Access Programs >>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---	---	\$0.00	\$49.00
Violence Against Women Health Initiative	\$7.10	\$9.10	\$10.10	---	---	\$10.10	\$20.00
L-HHS Total	\$266.85	\$293.85	\$351.85	---	---	\$10.10	\$778.75

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TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS							
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Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Specific Housing Program (DV/SA Bonus)~	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$75.00
Ensuring Compliance and Implementation of VAWA and Training and Technical Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
T-HUD Total	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$57.00	\$57.00	\$62.00	\$52.00	\$90.00

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY							
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services VAWA, T, & U Unit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ☒	\$118.00	\$389.50	\$267.98	\$865.00	\$121.86	\$455.61	\$400.00
DHS Total	\$118.00	\$389.50	\$267.98	\$865.00	\$121.86	\$455.61	\$415.00

PLEASE NOTE: This chart will continue to be updated throughout the Appropriations process. Updates at www.nnedv.org/funding.

** The House Appropriations Committee has not approved the draft bills for Commerce Justice and Science (CJS) or Labor Health and Human Services (LHHS). However, both bills have passed their respective subcommittees. Because of this, report language is not yet available for these bills and some information may be missing in the chart. We will provide updates as they become available.

≠ In the STOP program, we call on Congress to prioritize newly allocated funding to invest in victim services, especially culturally specific programs. Additionally, we call on Congress to prioritize funding for tribes and state, territorial, and Tribal coalitions. Both the President's and the Senate's FY24 proposed budgets request a \$10 million set-aside in STOP funds for "the Sexual Assault Survivors Bill of Rights"—a new program authorized by section 5903 of NDAA FY23 that ensures the right to receive medical forensic examinations, the preservation of evidence collection kits, and access to information resulting from such kits; prior notification of any destruction or disposal of evidence collection kits; and the right to request further preservation of any such kit.

¥ ICJR was formerly named the Grants to Encourage Arrest Program (GTEAP). Since FY12, Congress has included an additional set-aside to address homicide reduction. The President's and the Senate's FY24 proposed budgets include a set-aside of \$4 million for a homicide reduction initiative and \$8 million (\$4 million in the Senate) for a domestic violence firearms lethality reduction initiative. Additionally, the House's and President's proposed budget bills include \$8 million for an initiative to promote effective policing and prosecution responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including evaluation of the effectiveness of funded interventions. Lastly, the House's and President's proposed budgets include \$1 million for an initiative to enhance prosecution and investigation of online abuse and harassment.

‡ VAWA 2013 consolidated youth and prevention programs into two programs (CHOOSE and SMART), which have been further consolidated via appropriations for the past several years. Both the House's and Senate's proposed FY24 budgets include \$3.5 million for a set-aside for engaging men and youth in prevention. The President's FY24 budget requests \$10 million for this same program.

∞ The President's FY24 proposed budget includes a \$20 million set-aside for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal colleges, which the victim advocacy community supports. The House's and Senate's proposed budgets for FY24 include a set-aside of \$12.5 million for this same initiative.

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* Trauma-informed, victim-centered LE training.

✕ The Rape Survivors Child Custody Act boosts VAWA funding for states that allow for individuals to petition for the termination of parental rights based on clear and convincing evidence that a child was conceived through rape.

^ VOCA transfers to VAWA. In FY16-FY22, Congress transferred money from VOCA to VAWA (FY16 - \$379 million, FY17 - \$326 million, FY18 - \$492 million, FY19 - \$497.50, FY20 - \$435 million, FY21 - \$435 million, FY22 - \$575 million). FY23 funding ended the practice of transferring VOCA funds to pay for VAWA and the House's, Senate's, and President's FY24 budgets do not include a transfer of funds either. We support this change.

¶ VOCA: The House's, Senate's, and President's FY24 budgets request a \$1.2 billion release of VOCA, which is a \$700 million (40%) cut from FY23. Deposits into the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) are critically low, which leads to low releases of annual VOCA funds. It is imperative that Congress provide steady funding in FY24 and work towards sustainability of the CVF. If the fund cannot sustain the same level of funding as FY23, Congress must find other sources to maintain steady funding for this vital program.

Tribal funding: We support a VOCA Tribal funding stream at 10% of VOCA funds. Transfers and rescissions: We object to proposals and bills that transfer funds from CVF to other accounts.

° FVPSA, The National Domestic Violence Hotline, and DELTA are authorized through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). We support funding for an Alaska Tribal Resource Center and a Native Hawaiian Resource Center on Domestic Violence to build capacity of tribes and indigenous communities in those states to develop effective, local responses to Domestic Violence. FY18 through FY23 provided \$5-\$7 million in additional funding for tribes.

The President's FY24 proposed budget provides an increase in funds for FVPSA, funding it at \$492 million with a \$225 million set-aside for direct cash assistance and \$27 million for a demonstration project to support families affected by domestic violence at the intersection of substance-use coercion, housing instability, and child welfare involvement. If enacted, this proposal would provide level funding for the FVPSA formula.

The Senate's FY24 bill provides \$235 million for FVPSA, while the House budget provides \$240 million for the program. We are disappointed that neither the House nor the Senate bills include funding for the sexual assault technical assistance project at the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services, funded last year at \$5 million.

Survivors from communities of color urgently need culturally specific services that address the nexus of domestic violence and sexual assault with other health outcomes. The Supporting a Culturally Specific Public Health Approach for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CSPHA) program will be administered by the FVPSA office and provide resources for sexual assault and domestic violence culturally specific programs. The President's and the Senate's proposed FY24 budgets provide a \$7.5 million set-aside to fund this program; however, we are deeply concerned that the House's FY24 budget cuts this program and we are advocating for restoration of these funds.

☒ Funding maintains and increases capacity of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a Tribal domestic violence hotline.

Δ PHHSBG is authorized through the Public Health Services Act and includes a mandatory set-aside for providing services to rape victims and for rape prevention.

» VAWA 2022 established several complementary health programs at HHS to support health care, forensic exam access, and preventative health care for survivors.

~ Set aside funding for domestic violence rapid rehousing and services projects, out of the Continuum of Care Program, administered by the SNAPS Office at HUD. The President's FY 24 budget references Technical Assistance but does not include a specific number.

+ We are disappointed that the House and Senate proposed budgets for FY24 do not allocate specific funds for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to address USCIS application backlog, in particular for survivor applications. The President's FY24 budget, however, sought \$264 million for continued support for the multi-year effort to reduce the application and petition backlog. The Senate bill proposes \$143 million to address employment authorization processing, including those associated with survivor-related petitions. Meanwhile, the House bill reduces overall USCIS operations funding. Advocates request increases of \$15 million specifically for the VAWA unit, in addition to \$400 million for backlog reduction efforts, as part of the overall immigration application processing.