

STOP Competitive Application Process 2022-2024

INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR 2022-2024
STOP COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICANTS

Presenters



Today's Agenda

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- ▶ Context
 - ▶ STOP Formula Grant Program
 - ▶ STOP Implementation Plan FFY 2022-2025
- ▶ Application Process
- ▶ Next Steps

The Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

- ▶ Enacted 1994
- ▶ Designed to improve criminal justice system responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and to increase services for victims of these crimes.
- ▶ Reauthorized and amended in 2000, 2005 and 2013 (currently up for reauthorization)
- ▶ [Numerous funding programs](#) under VAWA (STOP Formula Grant is one)



Services * Training*
Officers*
Prosecutors (STOP)
Formula Grant
Program

- ▶ Supports programs to develop and strengthen the justice systems' response to violence against women (i.e., domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking & dating violence)
- ▶ Promotes a cross-system, collaborative response.



Strengthen Victim Services

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- ▶ Strengthen services to victims.
- ▶ Emphasis on services for culturally specific and underserved populations.
- ▶ Focused attention on response to sexual violence.



Hold Offenders Accountable

- ▶ Judicial Training
- ▶ Dedicated detectives/law enforcement
- ▶ Probation and Parole Officer Training
- ▶ Dedicated prosecutors



The Mechanics of STOP Formula Grants

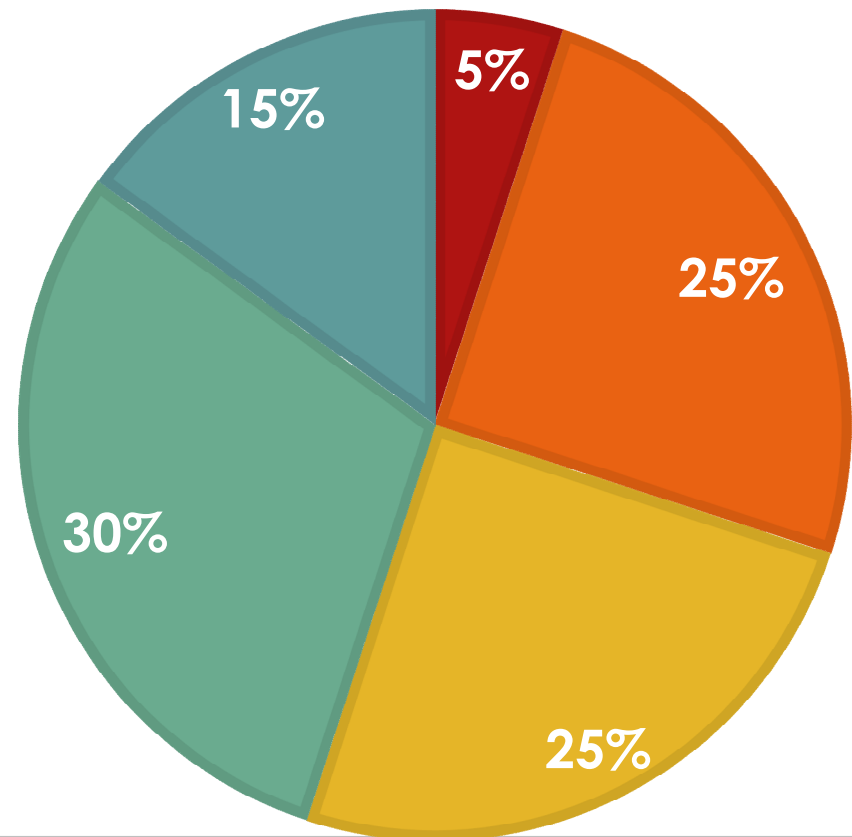
- ▶ STOP allocated to all states and territories using a base amount of \$600K plus population;
- ▶ Pennsylvania receives an average annual allocation of \$5 Million
- ▶ Funding must be allocated among victim services, the courts, prosecution and law enforcement
- ▶ Pennsylvania funds a combination of state level technical assistance projects and local projects at the county level.

State Allocation Formula

STOP FUNDING

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- Judicial
- Prosecution
- Law Enforcement
- Victim Services
- Discretionary



Federal Certifications

- ▶ To receive STOP, PCCD must certify to the Department of Justice/Office on Violence Against Women that it meets specific requirements called “certifications.”
- ▶ Failure to meet any one of these jeopardizes PA’s STOP Funding.

Applicants must certify to PCCD that they meet these at the local level.



Prohibition of Polygraphing of Sexual Assault Victims

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- ▶ States and local units of government must certify that their laws, policies, and practices ensure that law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other government officials do not ask or require sexual assault victims to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for investigating the offense.



Forensic Rape Examinations

- ▶ Victims of sexual assault cannot be billed for their rape exams – either directly or through their insurance.
 - ▶ In Pennsylvania, the Victims' Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) covers bills for forensic rape exams.
- ▶ Victims of sexual assault cannot be required to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement as a condition of receiving a forensic rape exam.
- ▶ States must coordinate with healthcare providers to notify victims of sexual assault of the availability of rape exams at no cost to the victim.

Protection Orders

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- ▶ States must certify that victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking are not charged certain costs associated with criminal prosecution or protection orders.





Judicial Notification

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- ▶ Pennsylvania must certify that its judicial administrative policies and practices include notification to domestic violence offenders of relevant federal, state, and local firearms prohibitions that might affect them.
- ▶ In PA, Act 79, which went into effect in April of 2019, addresses this in further detail.

Prohibited Practices

- ▶ Offering pre-trial diversion to VAW offenders;
- ▶ Requiring mediation or couples counseling in VAW cases;
- ▶ Placing batterers in “anger management programs” instead of Batterer Treatment Programs;
- ▶ Penalizing or imposing sanctions on VAW victims for failure to testify against their abuser/perpetrator.

Prohibited Practices

- ▶ Procedures that compromise the confidentiality of information or safety of people receiving STOP-funded Services
- ▶ Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, services based on their actual or perceived age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or gender of their children

Legal Assistance

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- ▶ States must certify that attorneys funded through STOP have demonstrated expertise in providing legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.



Policy for Response in the Workplace

Applicants and pass throughs on the grant must have or issue within 270 days of receiving STOP Funding a written policy

Policy must address workplace-related incidents of sexual misconduct, domestic violence and dating violence

Policy extends not only to employees, but to volunteers, consultants and contractors.

IT Requirements

- ▶ Blocking pornography on computer networks
- ▶ Reporting Actual or Imminent Breach of Personally Identifiable Information no later than 24 hours after detection or breach.



Other Requirements

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- ▶ Suitability to interact with participating minors



- ▶ Prohibition against trafficking in persons
- ▶ Extends not only to applicant but pass through agencies



Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction

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- ▶ States must set a goal specific to reducing domestic violence homicides.
- ▶ Pennsylvania has chosen to implement the [Maryland Model of Lethality Assessment](#), commonly referred to as “LAP”
- ▶ Adoption of LAP is voluntary and requires completion of specific training of both law enforcement and domestic violence program advocates.
- ▶ [The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) (PCADV) provides the training and collects data on implementation.



STOP Collaborative Team

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(required membership)

- ▶ Director of local domestic violence program
- ▶ Director of local sexual assault program
- ▶ District Attorney
- ▶ Chief Adult Probation Officer
- ▶ Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
- ▶ PA State Police Commander
- ▶ Chief of Police of major police department in county
- ▶ Healthcare
- ▶ Sheriff
- ▶ Representative of organization serving culturally specific and/or underserved population if project has a specific goal or objective for this.

Protocol Development

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Domestic
Violence

Sexual
Assault

Stalking

Pennsylvania STOP Implementation Plan FFY 2022-2025

STOP Implementation Plan

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Pennsylvania is required to develop a new implementation plan every four years.

Contains the goals and objectives for PA's use of STOP funds for the next four years.

The STOP Implementation Plan drives the funding process.

[STOP \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov)



Plan Goals

Identify and meaningfully address barriers to service for culturally specific and underserved populations in Pennsylvania.

OVW definition of culturally specific means primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups including American Indians, Asian Americans; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks and Hispanics.

Plan Goals

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Improve coordinated responses to sexual assault.

Reduce domestic violence
homicide reduction in Pennsylvania

Plan Goals

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Develop or maintain specialized units in Law Enforcement and Prosecution.

Maintain core services available to victims

Guiding Principles and Approaches

- ▶ Cultural Appropriateness
- ▶ Diffusion of Knowledge
- ▶ Advanced Training Topics
- ▶ Trauma Informed approaches and practices in settings beyond victim services





12 Purpose Areas



Intentionally broad



Proposed projects should fit under at least one of these purpose areas as well as meet at least one of the goals in the 2022-2025 STOP Implementation Plan.

Purpose Areas

PCCD Basic Application Requirements

PCCD EGRANTS

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- ▶ Applications must be submitted electronically through PCCD's electronic grants management system [eGrants](#)

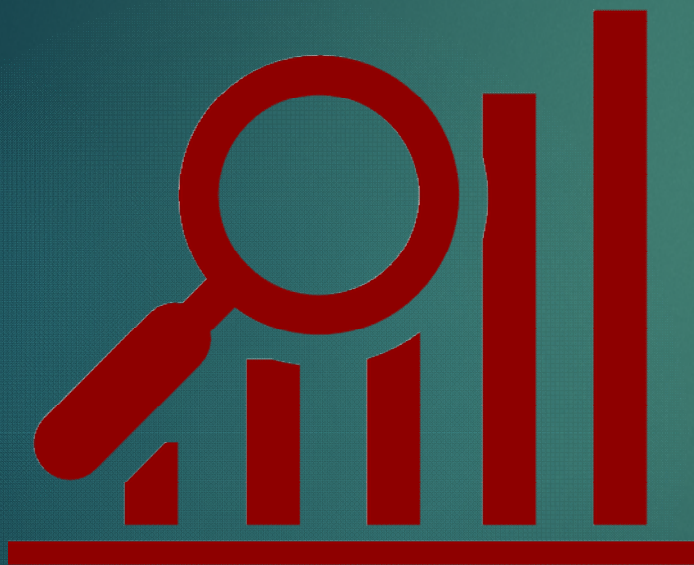
NO EXCEPTIONS

- ▶ To use Egrants, agencies need to register and register at least two users.
- ▶ For questions contact the help desk at 717-787-5887 or toll free at 800-692-7292 or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov

Federal Application Requirements

- ▶ All potential agency applicants and sub-recipients for federal funding must have a DUNS number (a unique, nine-digit identification number for each physical location of your business) and be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM, formerly CCR). Learn the [grants process for federal applicants](#).
- ▶ PCCD cannot consider funding an agency that does not have a DUNS number and maintain a current registration in the SAM (formerly CCR)

UCR Data



- ▶ Every criminal justice entity participating in STOP must submit Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Data to the Pennsylvania State Police

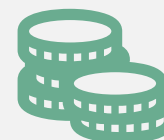
Fiscal Accountability



GRANTEE EXPENDITURES ARE CONSISTENT WITH APPROVED BUDGET CATEGORIES, ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT, AND SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTATION



ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS MUST BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR EACH PCCD GRANT SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SOURCES



PCCD REIMBURSES ONLY ACTUAL EXPENDITURES RECORDED ON THE REQUIRED FISCAL REPORT.

Fiscal Accountability

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- ▶ Establish and maintain auditable records
- ▶ Accurately account for funds awarded.
- ▶ Have strong internal controls and proper segregation of duties.
- ▶ Maintain a sufficient system of accounting and internal controls to ensure that adequate system exists for any subrecipients.
- ▶ Records must include all sources or project revenue – Federal, State, matching and program income.

[The PCCD Funding and Grants Process Home \(pa.gov\)](#)

Time and Effort Reporting

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- ▶ Funded employees who do not work solely on a single activity or cost objective must maintain time sheets.
- ▶ Funded employees working solely on a single activity or cost objective can submit signed funding certifications.

[The PCCD Funding and Grants Process: Time and Effort Reports \(pa.gov\)](#)

Competitive Solicitation

OVERVIEW OF SECTIONS

The Basics

- ▶ \$12 Million over the next 3 years
 - ▶ \$375,000 per project for 3 years,
 - ▶ \$125,000 maximum per year
- ▶ Applicant Agencies
 - ▶ County government or
 - ▶ Non-profit victim service agencies
- ▶ No Match

Eligibility

Who is Eligible

- ▶ County Governments
- ▶ Non-Profit victim service agencies

Applicants are not required to have a prior funding history with PCCD

What is Eligible

- ▶ Personnel and Benefit costs associated with specialized units in law enforcement and Prosecution and provision of core victim services.
- ▶ Supplies and operating expenses
- ▶ Training and professional development
- ▶ Consultants
- ▶ Equipment (other than standard issue law enforcement items)

Ineligible Activities

- ▶ Services exclusively for children
- ▶ Prevention programs and public awareness campaigns
- ▶ Standard issue law enforcement equipment
- ▶ Immigration fees
- ▶ Food and beverages
- ▶ Construction/Building renovation
- ▶ Vehicle purchases
- ▶ Research Projects

THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST. SEE PAGES 15-16 IN THE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Competitive Solicitation

SECTIONS AND SCORING

Executive Summary (5 pts)

- ▶ Please use the specific terminology in the Funding Announcement and Egrants for this section.

Problem Description (25 pts)

- ▶ If a current STOP Recipient, provide an update on accomplishments.
- ▶ Demographic information
- ▶ Geographic and socioeconomic conditions
- ▶ Explain how the geographic and socioeconomic conditions contribute to VAW
- ▶ Describe the current response to VAW crimes by sector
- ▶ Describe the current extent of collaboration

Project Description (30pts)

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- Target population

- Identify which Implementation Plan Goals your project addresses

- Select federal purpose area(s) relevant to your project

- Identify core services to be provided

Project Description (30pts)

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Provide Specific Goals,
Objectives and Activities

If Applicable:

Identify how your project
will meaningfully address
the needs of
underserved populations

If Applicable:

Identify how your project
will meaningfully address
the needs of victims of
sexual assault

If Applicable:

Identify how your project
will meaningfully address
the needs of culturally
specific populations

Project Description (30pts)

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Select the Guiding Principles and Approaches that align with the Project

Explain how each selected Guiding Principle/Approach will be integrated in the Project

Budget Detail (30 Points)

- ▶ A **3-year budget of up to \$125k per year** directly related to the proposed project
- ▶ Line item costs and the computations used to determine those amounts
- ▶ Justification in each budget detail section which explains the relationship between that specific expenditure and the proposed project
- ▶ Justification for each budgeted agency and/or component of the project
- ▶ Minimum dedicated amounts: 25% Law Enforcement, 25% Prosecution, 30% Victim Services
- ▶ 15% is discretionary so it can be applied among the three components as fits the needs of the project

Additional detail on the requirements of this section as well as examples can be found on pages 17-18 of the [Funding Announcement](#)

Evaluation (10 pts)

This section is **worth up to 10 points** and must detail:

- ▶ How progress on project goals are measured
- ▶ How the effectiveness of your project is assessed with measurable outcomes
- ▶ The methods that will be used to collect and maintain data for the Annual STOP Report

A sample of the annual report grantees are expected to complete each year over of the life of the grant is available at:

https://www.vawamei.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/STOPSubgrantee_Form2019.pdf

Required Attachments

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This section does not have any point value, however the following items are required as part of your application:

- ▶ Signed VAWA Certification
- ▶ List of STOP Team members
- ▶ Multidisciplinary MOU for STOP Collaborative Team (New Projects)
- ▶ Support Letters for Training (If applicable)
- ▶ MOU with Faith-based, Community Based, Organization Serving and Underserved Population, and/ or Culturally Specific Organization (If applicable)
- ▶ Job Descriptions for STOP funded staff
- ▶ Pass-Through Contract (if applicable)

Additional detail on the requirements of this section as well as examples can be found on pages 20-21 of the Funding Announcement

Certification of Statutory Compliance

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All applicants must read :

- STOP Certification Form
- Law Enforcement Polygraph Policy

In order to certify compliance, all applicants must:

Download the STOP Certification Acknowledgement and Signature Form, print it out, have *all three signature lines signed*, then scan and attach the signed copy in the Required Attachments Section of the eGrants application.

Applications without this completed certification will be administratively rejected

Remember – This is a *competitive* application process.

- ▶ PCCD staff can only respond to questions to clarify the funding announcements that are submitted through the Resource Account: RA-OVSSTOPGRANTS@pa.gov
- ▶ Answers are posted each day on PCCD's Website.
- ▶ Last day to submit questions is July 30th.



Things to keep in mind

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Write your application for people who know nothing about your county, service area and/or program



Be concise and focused in your responses.



Sections have character limits. Please It is your responsibility to check that all the information appears in the Egrants application prior to submission.



Read the Funding Announcement

What happens next?

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Funding Announcement closes August 3, 2021

Applications are reviewed and scored

Recommended applications voted on by VSAC at November 2021 quarterly meeting

Recommended applications voted on by the Commission at December 2021 quarterly meeting

Q & A

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All questions must be emailed to:

RA-OVSSTOPGRANTS@pa.gov

Answers for all questions will be posted at:

<https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Funding/Pages/Funding-Announcement-QA.aspx>

STOP is at the bottom of the page

Thanks for Participating!

