

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING VAWA GRANT AWARD FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS), FOR THE ASHTABULA COUNTY VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE OFFICE, PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was originally passed by Congress and signed into law by the president in 2013 and established the VAWA Grant Fund and was reauthorized in 2022; and

WHEREAS, OCJS has been designated by Governor Mike DeWine to administer the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program compensation programs; and

WHEREAS, a grant application was previously submitted and the grant award is now being presented for the acceptance of the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, the total amount awarded is \$48,716.47, with a \$36,537.35 VAWA Award, and a Local Cash Match of \$12,179.12; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners feel an acceptance of this award would be desirable and is necessary; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio that the VAWA grant award from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services is hereby accepted in accordance with a copy of said award on file in this office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2026-148

March 17, 2026

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

Casey R. Kozlowski
Kathryn L. Whittington
J.P. Ducro IV

Aye
Aye
Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

Pre-Award Condition Forms
For Government/Public and Private Agencies

□ **EEO Certification Form**

- **Complete this form online at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights/equal-employment-opportunity-plans>.**
- This is a federal website and assistance accessing the form and/or other reporting questions should be directed to the contact information listed on the website page.
- **Upload a pdf copy of the certification to the pre-award conditions page signed by the authorized official.**

□ **Civil Rights and EEOP Questions Part 1 Form**

- Complete this form in its entirety.
- The responses should be based on the implementing agency.
- A signature is not required on this form.
- Each implementing agency must designate a person to be the civil rights point of contact. The point of contact must take the federal civil rights training at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights/video-training-grantees/overview> and then train implementing agency staff members. Please name the point of contact in the space below. By signing the pre-award condition form, agencies are certifying the civil rights training will be completed and this pre-award condition is being met. The training does not need to take place as part of the pre-award condition process, however it must be completed by the second quarter of the grant.
- **Name of civil rights point of contact** Jennifer Dean

□ **STOP VAWA Statement of Acknowledgement**

- As a condition to receive your STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) award, the Implementing Agency is required to upload a **signed** statement acknowledging that activities that compromise victim safety and recovery are not permissible and will not be conducted under this award.
- Please complete and upload a signed "STOP VAWA Statement of Acknowledgement". The form can be accessed here: [STOP VAWA Statement of Acknowledgement Form](#).

□ **Confidentiality Acknowledgement**

- This form should be reviewed in its entirety by the project director and authorizing officials for the implementing agency and subgrantee agency.
- All subgrantees with funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) are required to meet the terms outlined on this form referencing 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 13925(b)(2)).
- Submit a signed copy of the [Acknowledgement of Notice of Statutory Requirement to Comply with the Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act](#) form certifying that the agency in which will receive VAWA funds complies with the confidentiality and privacy provisions outlined.

□ **Prosecutor Eligibility Certification (Grant eligibility regarding compelling victim testimony)**

- In order for a prosecutor's office to be eligible to receive grant funds under this subchapter, the head of the office shall certify, to the State, Indian Tribal government, or 5 territorial government receiving the grant funding, that the office will, during the 3-year period beginning on the date on which the grant is awarded, engage in planning, developing and implementing— (1) training developed by experts in the field regarding victim-centered approaches in domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases; (2) policies that support a victim-centered approach, informed by such

training; and (3) a protocol outlining alternative practices and procedures for material witness petitions and bench warrants, consistent with best practices, that shall be exhausted before employing material witness petitions and bench warrants to obtain victim-witness testimony in the investigation, prosecution, and trial of a crime related to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking of the victim in order to prevent further victimization and trauma to the victim 34 U.S. Code § 10454.

- **Policy for Response to Workplace-Related Incidents of Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, and Dating Violence**
 - The recipient, and any subrecipient at any tier, must have a policy, or issue a policy within 270 days of the award date, to address workplace-related incidents of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, and dating violence involving an employee, volunteer, consultant, or contractor.

- **Determination of Suitability Required, in Advance, for Certain Individuals Who May Interact with Participating Minors**
 - This condition applies to this award if it is indicated that the purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

- **Standard Assurances Form**
 - This form should be reviewed in its entirety by the project director and authorizing officials for the implementing agency and subgrantee agency.

- **Special Conditions Form**
 - This form should be reviewed in its entirety by the project director and authorizing officials for the implementing agency and subgrantee agency.

- **VAWA Mandatory Grant Orientation**
 - Each VAWA subrecipient is required to attend a mandatory grant orientation. The grant orientation will provide an overview of the policies that apply to OCJS grant awards. An orientation is scheduled to take place via webinar on February 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM. At least one person associated with the project must attend the orientation. It is recommended that all staff responsible for administering both the programmatic and fiscal aspects of the grant attend. Failure to attend the orientation may result in a delay in grant payment processing and potential cancellation of funds. Registration for the webinar is accessed at the following link: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/73926190-c878-4dae-b0e6-1e566f77b0f8@50f8fcc4-94d8-4f07-84eb-36ed57c7c8a2>

- **System for Award Management Profile**
 - The System for Award Management is the official U.S. government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS. Your agency registration/profile is required to be active throughout the grant project period and renewed annually. The profile can be renewed at <https://www.sam.gov/>. Please provide proof that your agency is registered and currently designated as active by **uploading a copy of the Entity Overview or Entity Record on the pre-award condition page** within the online grants management system.

□ **Single Audit Requirement**

- For fiscal years prior to September 30, 2024. Non-Federal entities that expend \$750,000 or more in Federal funds (from all sources including pass-through subawards) in the organization's fiscal year are required to arrange for a single organization-wide audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Subpart F.
- For fiscal years after October 1, 2024. Non-Federal entities that expend \$1,000,000 or more in Federal funds (from all sources including pass-through subawards) in the organization's fiscal year are required to arrange for a single organization-wide audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Subpart F.
- Non-Federal entities that expend less than the applicable audit threshold a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year. However, non-Federal entities must keep records that are available for review or audit by appropriate officials including the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

□ **Fraud, Waste, and Abuse**

- All subrecipient agency personnel are responsible for informing the following individuals and groups of any suspected violations of the law, including potential fraud, waste, and abuse, Office of Criminal Justice Services Grant Planner, Fiscal Monitor, Director of Grants Administration, or Director of Grants Monitoring and Fiscal Compliance, as well as the Ohio Attorney General's Office of Charitable Law, or the Office of the Inspector General for the original awarding agency.

□ **Contact Information**

- There is no form associated with this condition; however, all projects are responsible for keeping contact information current. Correspondence will often be sent through the online grants management system to the project director listed for the "organization". This is not the same as the project director listed on the title page. For more information on the organization project director, please refer to the user guide. It is also the project director's responsibility to ensure title page information is updated as well to keep records current. Please contact your grants coordinator with any questions.

□ **Conflicts of Interest**

- Subrecipients are required to use Federal funds in the best interest of the award program. Decisions related to these funds must be free of undisclosed personal or organizational conflicts of interest, both in fact and in appearance. Subrecipients are required to disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to your grant-making component or pass-through entity, as applicable. See the Federal Financial Guide 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.

□ **Prohibition on tort litigation**

- Funds under the STOP VAWA program may not be used to fund civil representation in a lawsuit based on a tort claim (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(9)).

□ **Suspension/Disbarment**

- By signing the Pre-Award Condition Forms subgrantees are certifying that their organization and any organization they are working with as a consultant/contractor is not suspended or disbarred or otherwise found to be ineligible for participating in Federal assistance programs. No organization may participate in these programs in any capacity or be a recipient of Federal funds designated for these programs if the organization has been debarred or suspended or otherwise found to be ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." (See 45 CFR 75.212.)

□ **Training**

- As referenced in the Request for Proposals for this grant program, if advocates provide specialized services (e.g., legal or medical advocacy), specific training must be given. For example, legal advocates need to receive training on the unauthorized practice of law, protection order processes, victims' rights (including Marsy's Law) and other aspects of this role. All advocates are expected to receive an introductory 40-hour training offered by a state organization (e.g., OAESV, ODVN, OAG, etc.), training on victims' rights (including Marsy's Law) and information on new best practices or legal changes (e.g., Strangulation statute). If an advocate is credentialed, please note if it is through OAN or NOVA.
- There is no form associated with this condition; however, all projects are responsible for ensuring that all staff receive basic/introductory training as well as ongoing training for their positions. Basic/Introductory training that is specific to the model used (e.g., a 40-hour introductory course) as well as training for specific positions (e.g., the unauthorized practice of law for court advocacy) helps ensure fidelity to a model. The project director is responsible for ensuring that all staff on a project have had a basic/introductory course within the past five years, specific training occurs before service provision, and ongoing training occurs annually. OCJS may request proof of licensure or proof of completed training."

□ **Pursuant to O.R.C. 4757.02 (B)(1)**

- No person shall use the title "licensed professional clinical counselor," "licensed professional counselor," or any other title or description incorporating the word "counselor" or any initials used to identify persons acting in those capacities unless currently authorized under this chapter by licensure to act in the capacity indicated by the title or initials. OCJS may request proof of licensure, or proof of completed training, including certificates or signed statements from the project director.

□ **Americans with Disabilities**

- The Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is committed to ensuring equal access to assistance programs, information, and services, regardless of disability. OCJS understands that some individuals with disabilities may need an accommodation in order to have access to or participate in OCJS programs or services. OCJS understands accommodations vary depending upon the needs of the individual. Therefore, accommodation requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- For more information regarding accommodations, or to request an accommodation, please contact the Department of Public Safety's ADA Unit at HRRequestADA@dps.ohio.gov. Additional information regarding disability accommodations can also be found on the

The Office of Criminal Justice Services requires agencies receiving federal and state funding to ensure all actions taken by their employees, contractors, and volunteers meet professional standards as determined by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio Revised Code, and Ohio Administrative Code. These standards help recognize the minimum expertise necessary to perform professionally credible work. The standards are not designed to identify the best or ideal person for any position. The effective application of these standards will require the development of a detailed job description containing additional information to suit a particular situation and need.

Any professional facilitating behavioral health services to individuals residing in Ohio must have a current license/certification in good standing with the Board or State Agency statutorily responsible for oversight. OCJS must be notified immediately if the professional's status changes from good standing.

By signing the award, the Subgrantee is bound by the guidelines and statements included in the Request for Proposals (RFP), the approved application, any authorized adjustments, the Subgrant Handbook, and any Special Conditions including further terms and conditions of the subgrant that may be applicable or of particular interest to a particular grant program or project. Additionally, Subgrantees must comply with all applicable Federal/State laws and regulations.

By signing below, the project director, implementing agency authorized official and subgrantee authorized official acknowledge that they have read and understand the above information and attached forms. **The signatures must match the names on the title page.**

Heather Eisenstein

Signature

3/16/26 Project Director

Date

[Signature]

Signature

3/16/26 Implementing Agency Authorized Official

Date

[Signature]

Signature

3-17-26 Subgrantee Agency Authorized Official

Date