

# **Department of Justice (DOJ)**

# Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

Washington, D.C. 20531

Name and Address of Recipient: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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City, State and Zip: TRENTON, NJ 08608

Recipient UEI: S6ZRV3S11Q21

Project Title: FY5 Sexual Assault Services

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Award Number: 15JOVW-25-GG-00103-SASP

Solicitation Title: OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Sexual Assault Services Formula Program

Federal Award Amount: \$1,071,717.00 Federal Award Date: 8/18/25

Awarding Agency: Office on Violence Against Women

Award Type: Initial Funding Instrument Type: Grant

**Assistance Listing:** 

16.017 - Sexual Assault Services Formula Program

Project Period Start Date: 8/1/25 Project Period End Date: 7/31/27

Budget Period Start Date: 8/1/25 Budget Period End Date: 7/31/27

# **Project Description:**

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Program (SAS Formula Program) was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), 34 U.S.C. § 12511. The SAS Formula Program directs grant dollars to states and territories to assist them in supporting rape crisis centers (including governmental rape crisis centers not in territories and tribal governmental programs) and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault, regardless of age. Funds provided through the SAS Formula Program are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault on the state and territorial levels. Rape crisis centers and other nonprofit organizations, such as dual programs providing both domestic violence and sexual assault intervention services, play a vital role in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and other social support systems.

### Award Letter

August 18, 2025

Dear Kristin Matera,

On behalf of Attorney General Pamela Bondi, it is my pleasure to inform you the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has approved the application submitted by EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY for an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2025 OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Sexual Assault Services Formula Program. The approved award amount is \$1,071,717.

Review the Award Instrument below carefully and familiarize yourself with all conditions and requirements before accepting your award. The Award Instrument includes the Award Offer (Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions) and Award Acceptance. For COPS Office and OVW funding the Award Offer also includes any Other Award Documents.

Please note that award requirements include not only the conditions and limitations set forth in the Award Offer, but

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also compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the period of performance for the award. These requirements encompass financial, administrative, and programmatic matters, as well as other important matters (e.g., specific restrictions on use of funds). Therefore, all key staff should receive the award conditions, the assurances and certifications, and the application as approved by OVW, so that they understand the award requirements. Information on all pertinent award requirements also must be provided to any subrecipient of the award.

Should you accept the award and then fail to comply with an award requirement, DOJ will pursue appropriate remedies for non-compliance, which may include termination of the award and/or a requirement to repay award funds.

Prior to accepting the award, your Entity Administrator must assign a Financial Manager, Grant Award Administrator, and Authorized Representative(s) in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). The Entity Administrator will need to ensure the assigned Authorized Representative(s) is current and has the legal authority to accept awards and bind the entity to the award terms and conditions. To accept the award, the Authorized Representative(s) must accept all parts of the Award Offer in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), including by executing the required declaration and certification, within 45 days from the award date.

To access your funds, you will need to enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system, if you haven't already completed the enrollment process in ASAP. The Entity Administrator should have already received an email from ASAP to initiate this process.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Ginger Baran Lyons

Deputy Director for Grants Management and Development (Supervisory Official)

# Office for Civil Rights Notice for All Recipients

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) enforces federal civil rights laws and other provisions that prohibit discrimination by recipients of federal financial assistance from OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Several civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, require recipients of federal financial assistance (recipients) to give assurances that they will comply with those laws. Taken together, these and other civil rights laws prohibit recipients from discriminating in the provision of services and employment because of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, and sex or from discriminating in the provision of services on the bases of age.

Some recipients of DOJ financial assistance have additional obligations to comply with other applicable nondiscrimination provisions like the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion in addition to race, color, national origin, and sex. Recipients may also have related requirements regarding the development and implementation of equal employment opportunity programs.

OCR provides technical assistance, training, and other resources to help recipients comply with civil rights obligations. Further, OCR administratively enforces civil rights laws and nondiscrimination provisions by investigating DOJ recipients that are the subject of discrimination complaints. In addition, OCR conducts compliance reviews of DOJ recipients based on regulatory criteria. These investigations and compliance reviews permit OCR to evaluate whether DOJ recipients are providing services to the public and engaging in employment practices in a nondiscriminatory manner.

For more information about OCR, your civil rights and nondiscrimination responsibilities, how to notify your employees or beneficiaries of their civil rights protections and responsibilities and how to file a complaint, as well as technical assistance, training, and other resources, please visit <a href="www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/outreach">www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/outreach</a>. If you would like OCR to assist you in fulfilling your civil rights or nondiscrimination responsibilities, please contact us at <a href="maskocr@oip.usdoj.gov">askocr@oip.usdoj.gov</a> or <a href="www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/about#ocr-contacts">www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/about#ocr-contacts</a>.

### Memorandum Regarding NEPA

# **NEPA Letter Type**

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# **NEPA Letter**

Renovations and construction are unallowable under this grant, and therefore none of the following activities?will be conducted?under the OVW federal action (i.e., the OVW-funded grant project) or a related third-party action:??

- 1. New construction.??
- 2. Any renovation or remodeling of a property located in an environmentally or historically sensitive area, including property
- 3. A?renovation which?will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size.?
- 4. Research and technology whose anticipated and future application?could be expected?to have an effect on the environ
- 5. Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals.??

In addition, the OVW federal action is neither a phase nor a segment of a project that, when reviewed in its entirety, wou

Consequently, the subject federal action meets the Office on Violence Against Women's criteria for a categorical exclusi

**NEPA Coordinator** 

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Murphy

# Award Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

# **Recipient Information**

# **Recipient Name**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# UEI

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City State/U.S. Territory

TRENTON New Jersey

**Zip/Postal Code**08608 **Country**United States

County/Parish Province

# **Award Details**

Federal Award Date Award Type

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Grant

**Assistance Listing** 

Number Assistance Listings Program Title

16.017 Sexual Assault Services Formula Program

**Statutory Authority** 

34 U.S.C. § 12511(a)(1)

[X] I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

# **Project Information**

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Solicitation Title

Awarding Agency

2025 OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Sexual Assault Services

Formula Program

OVW

# **Application Number**

GRANT14421281

Grant Manager Name Phone Number
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**Project Title** 

FY5 Sexual Assault Services Formula Program

**Performance Period Start** 

Date Performance Period End Date

08/01/2025 07/31/2027

Budget Period Start Date Budget Period End Date

08/01/2025 07/31/2027

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as dual programs providing both domestic violence and sexual assault intervention services, play a vital role in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and other social support systems.

[X] I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

# Financial Information

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[X] I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

# Other Award Documents

No other award documents have been added.

# **Award Conditions**

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

### Condition 1

Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements

The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

By signing and accepting this award on behalf of the recipient, the authorized recipient official accepts all material requirements of the award, and specifically adopts, as if personally executed by the authorized recipient official, all assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance.

Failure to comply with any one or more of these award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or an assurance or certification related to conduct during the award period -- may result in the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, OVW may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), including OVW, also may take other legal action as appropriate.

Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. 10271-10273), and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or -unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

#### Condition 2

Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements and DOJ Grants Financial Guide

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The recipient agrees to comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements"), and the current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OVW website, including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. The recipient also agrees that all financial records pertinent to this award, including the general accounting ledger and all supporting documents, are subject to agency review throughout the life of the award, during the close-out process, and for three years after submission of the final Federal Financial Report (SF-425) or as long as the records are retained, whichever is longer, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.334, 200.337.

### **Condition 3**

Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding

If the recipient currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the recipient receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the recipient promptly must determine whether funds from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are provided under this award. If so, the recipient must promptly notify OVW in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by OVW, must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope Grant Award Modification (GAM) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

#### **Condition 4**

Requirements related to System for Award Management and unique entity identifiers

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at https://www.sam.gov. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining current information in SAM.

The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards (subgrants) to first-tier subrecipients (subgrantees), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the recipient) the unique entity identifier assigned by SAM.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (titled "Award Condition: Requirements related to System for Award Management (SAM) and unique entity identifiers") and are incorporated by reference here.

### **Condition 5**

Requirement to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent breach (as defined in OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient)-- 1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of personally identifiable information (PII) (as defined in 2 C.F.R. 200.1) within the scope of an OVW grant-funded program or activity, or 2) uses or operates a Federal information system (as defined in OMB Circular A-130). The recipient's breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to an OVW Program Manager no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

# **Condition 6**

Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)

The recipient, and any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of recipients, subrecipients (subgrantees), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the recipient or of any subrecipient.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (titled "Award Condition: Prohibited conduct by

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recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OVW authority to terminate award)") and are incorporated by reference here.

### Condition 7

Determinations of suitability to interact with participating minors

This condition applies to this award if it is indicated in the application for the award (as approved by DOJ) (or in the application for any subaward at any tier), the DOJ funding announcement (notice of funding opportunity), or an associated federal statute that a purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award (whether by the recipient or a subrecipient at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

The recipient, and any subrecipient at any tier, must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status. The details of this requirement are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (titled "Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors") and are incorporated by reference here.

### **Condition 8**

Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events

The recipient, and any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/conference-planning.

# **Condition 9**

OVW Training Guiding Principles

The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OVW Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/legacy/2012/06/28/ovw-training-guiding-principles-grantees-subgrantees.pdf.

#### Condition 10

Effect of failure to address audit issues

The recipient understands and agrees that OVW may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by OVW) the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

#### **Condition 11**

Potential imposition of additional requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by OVW during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

#### **Condition 12**

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42

The recipient, and any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42.

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#### Condition 13

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38

The recipient, and any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 states that a faith-based organization that participates in this program retains its independence from the Government and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections in federal law. Part 38 further states that an organization may not use direct federal financial assistance from the Department of Justice to support or engage in explicitly religious activities except when consistent with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and any other applicable requirements. An organization receiving federal financial assistance also may not, in providing services funded by the Department of Justice, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38 also sets out rules and requirements that relate to engaging in or conducting explicitly religious activities.

Recipients and subrecipients that provide social services under this award must give written notice to beneficiaries and prospective beneficiaries prior to the provision of services (if practicable) which shall include language substantially similar to the language in 28 CFR Part 38, Appendix C, sections (1) through (4). A sample written notice may be found at https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/Written Notice of Beneficiary Protections.pdf.

In certain instances, a faith-based or religious organization may be able to take religion into account when making hiring decisions, provided it satisfies certain requirements.

For more information on the requirements referenced in this condition, see https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/partnerships-faith-based-and-other-neighborhood-organizations.

### **Condition 14**

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54

The recipient, and any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."

### **Condition 15**

Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws (certification)

The recipient agrees that its compliance with all applicable federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws is material to the government's decision to make this award and any payment thereunder, including for purposes of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812), and, by accepting this award, certifies that it does not operate any programs (including any such programs having components relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion) that violate any applicable federal civil rights or nondiscrimination laws.

### **Condition 16**

Restrictions on "lobbying" and policy development

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds may not be used by the recipient, or any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, in order to avoid violation of 18 U.S.C. 1913. The recipient, or any subrecipient (subgrantee) may, however, use federal funds to collaborate with and provide information to federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies and develop and promote state, local, or tribal legislation or model codes designed to reduce or eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (as those terms are defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)) when such collaboration and provision of information is consistent with the activities otherwise authorized under this grant program.

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OVW from being used by the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or

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cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

#### Condition 17

Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds for this fiscal year

The recipient, and any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, for each fiscal year, are set out at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (titled "Award Condition: General appropriations-law restrictions on use of federal award funds") and are incorporated by reference here. Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or a subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OVW.

#### Condition 18

Reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse, and similar misconduct

The recipient and any subrecipients (subgrantees) must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award -- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by-- (1) online submission accessible via the OIG webpage at https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/grant-complaint (select "Submit Report Online"); (2) mail directed to: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, Investigations Division, ATTN: Grantee Reporting, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20530; (3) by facsimile directed to the DOJ OIG Fraud Detection Office (Attn: Grantee Reporting) at (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at https://oig.justice.gov/hotline.

### **Condition 19**

Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

No recipient or subrecipient (subgrantee) under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

- 1. In accepting this award, the recipient--
- a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
- b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written

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notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

- 2. If the recipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards (subgrants), procurement contracts, or both--
- a. it represents that--
- (1) it has determined that no other entity that the recipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward (subgrant), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
- (2) it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and
- b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

#### Condition 20

Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The recipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the recipient is to contact OVW for guidance.

### **Condition 21**

Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages recipients and subrecipients (subgrantees) to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

# Condition 22

Requirement to disclose whether recipient is designated high risk by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ

If the recipient is designated high risk by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ, currently or at any time during the course of the period of performance under this award, the recipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to OVW by email to OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov. For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the recipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the recipient. The recipient's disclosure must include the following: (1) the federal awarding agency that currently designates the recipient high risk; (2) the date the recipient was designated high risk; (3) the high-risk point of contact at that federal awarding agency (name, phone number, and email address); and (4) the reasons for the high-risk status, as set out by the federal awarding agency.

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### Condition 23

Availability of general terms and conditions on OVW website

The recipient agrees to follow the applicable set of general terms and conditions that are available at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions. These do not supersede any specific conditions in this award document.

#### Condition 24

Compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements, which may include, among other relevant authorities, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386, the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, P.L. 113-4, the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, P.L. 117-103, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq., and OVW's implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 90.

#### Condition 25

Compliance with notice of funding opportunity requirements

The recipient agrees that it must be in compliance with requirements outlined in the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) under which the approved application was submitted, the applicable Application Companion Guide, and any program-specific frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the OVW website (https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-and-faqs-grantees). The program NOFO, Companion Guide, and any program-specific FAQs are hereby incorporated by reference into this award.

#### Condition 26

VAWA 2013 nondiscrimination condition

The recipient agrees to comply with 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13) in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by OVW. Recipients may provide sex-segregated or sex-specific programming if doing so is necessary to the essential operations of a program, so long as the recipient provides comparable services to those who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. The recipient also agrees to ensure that any subrecipients (subgrantees) at any tier will comply with this provision.

#### **Condition 27**

Misuse of award funds

The recipient understands and agrees that misuse of award funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

#### Condition 28

Limitation on use of funds to approved activities

The recipient agrees that grant funds will be used only for the purposes described in the recipient's application, unless OVW determines that any of these activities are out of scope or unallowable. The recipient must not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the recipient's application, award documents, or approved budget, and must not use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with grant funds for such work or activities, without prior written approval, via Grant Award Modification (GAM), from OVW.

# **Condition 29**

Non-supplantation

The recipient agrees that grant funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant.

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#### Condition 30

Confidentiality and information sharing

The recipient agrees to comply with the provisions of 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2), nondisclosure of confidential or private information, which includes creating and maintaining documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information. The recipient also agrees to comply with the regulations implementing this provision at 28 CFR 90.4(b) and "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the VAWA Confidentiality Provision (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2))" on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-and-faqs-grantees. The recipient also agrees to ensure that all subrecipients (subgrantees) at any tier meet these requirements.

### **Condition 31**

Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability

The recipient agrees that grant funds will not support activities that compromise victim safety and recovery or undermine offender accountability, such as: procedures or policies that exclude eligible victims from receiving services based on the classifications identified in 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13)(A) or their actual or perceived mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, immigration status, employment history or status, income or lack of income, or the age and/or sex of their children; procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving OVW-funded services; procedures or policies that impose requirements on victims in order to receive services (e.g., seek an order of protection, receive counseling, participate in couples' counseling or mediation, report to law enforcement, seek civil or criminal remedies, etc.); procedures or policies that fail to ensure service providers conduct safety planning with victims; project design and budgets that fail to account for the access needs of participants with disabilities and participants who have limited English proficiency or are Deaf or hard of hearing; or any other activities outlined in the notice of funding opportunity or companion guide under which the application was submitted.

#### Condition 32

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. The details of this requirement are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (titled "Award Condition: Policy for response to workplace-related sexual misconduct, domestic violence, and dating violence") and are incorporated by reference here.

#### Condition 33

Termination or suspension

The Director of OVW, upon a finding that there (1) has been substantial failure by the recipient to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and/or the terms and conditions of the award or relevant notice of funding opportunity, (2) has been failure by the recipient to make satisfactory progress toward the goals, objectives, or strategies set forth in the application, or (3) have been project changes proposed or implemented by the recipient to the extent that, if originally submitted, the application would not have been selected for funding, will terminate or suspend until the Director is satisfied that there is no longer such failure or changes, all or part of the award, in accordance with the provisions of 28 C.F.R. Part 18, as applicable mutatis mutandis. The federal regulation providing uniform rules for termination of grants and cooperative agreements is 2 C.F.R. 200.340.

#### Condition 34

Performance reports and final report submission

The recipient agrees to provide OVW with specific information regarding subawards (subgrants) made under this award. The recipient agrees to submit an annual report that includes: a) an assessment of whether stated goals and objectives were achieved; b) information on the effectiveness of activities carried out with grant funds, including the number of persons served and the number of persons seeking services who could not be served; c) information on each subaward made; and d) such other information as OVW may prescribe. Recipients are required to submit this report after the end of each calendar year but no later than March 30 each year. Recipients and subrecipients must

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use the designated forms and/or systems made available by OVW for performance reporting, which identify the information that recipients and subrecipients must collect and report as a condition of receiving funding under this award.

A final report is due 90 days after the end of the project period. This report must be submitted to OVW through the Justice Grants System with the Report Type marked "final," unless and until OVW issues updated instructions for report submission.

#### **Condition 35**

Quarterly Federal Financial Reports

The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF-425) to OVW in the Justice Grants System, not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 120 days following the end of the award period. Delinquent reports may affect future discretionary award decisions and may lead to suspension and/or termination of the award.

#### **Condition 36**

Subrecipient program income

The recipient understands and agrees that it has responsibility for approval of program income earned by subrecipients. Program income, as defined by 2 C.F.R. 200.1, means gross income earned by a non-federal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the federal award during the period of performance. Without prior approval, program income must be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. In order to add program income to a subaward, subrecipients must seek approval from the recipient prior to generating any program income. Any program income added to a subaward must be used to support activities that were approved in the budget and follow the conditions of the subaward agreement. Any program income approved by the recipient must be reported by the subrecipient to the recipient so that it is reported on the quarterly Federal Financial Report (SF-425) in accordance with the addition alternative. If the program income amount changes (increases or decreases) during the project period, the recipient must provide approval by the end of the project period. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in audit findings for both the recipient and the subrecipient.

#### **Condition 37**

FFATA reporting subawards and executive compensation

The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards (subgrants) of \$30,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients of award funds. Such data will be submitted to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) through the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov/fsrs. The details of recipient obligations, which derive from FFATA, are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (titled "Award Condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation") and are incorporated by reference here.

# **Condition 38**

Subrecipient product monitoring

The recipient agrees to monitor subrecipients to ensure that materials and products (written, visual, or sound) developed with OVW formula grant program funding fall within the scope of the grant program and do not compromise victim safety.

# **Condition 39**

Publication disclaimer

The recipient agrees that all materials and publications (written, web-based, audio-visual, or any other format) resulting from award activities shall contain the following statement: "This project was supported by Grant No.
\_\_\_\_\_\_ awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice." The recipient also agrees to ensure that

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any subrecipient at any tier will comply with this condition.

#### **Condition 40**

Publications disclaimer for SAS Formula subrecipients

# **Condition 41**

Copyrighted works

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.315(b), the recipient may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under this award. OVW reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

OVW also reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, in whole or in part (including in the creation of derivative works), any work developed by a subrecipient (subgrantee) of this award, for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

In addition, the recipient (or subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor of this award at any tier) must obtain advance written approval from the OVW program manager assigned to this award, and must comply with all conditions specified by the program manager in connection with that approval, before: 1) using award funds to purchase ownership of, or a license to use, a copyrighted work; or 2) incorporating any copyrighted work, or portion thereof, into a new work developed under this award.

It is the responsibility of the recipient (and of each subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor as applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward, contract, or subcontract under this award.

### Condition 42

Grantee orientation - mandatory attendance

The recipient agrees that the State Administrator for this award will attend an OVW grantee orientation for new state administrators, if the State Administrator has held that position for four years or fewer, as of the project period start date on this award. If there is a change in the State Administrator during the project period, the recipient agrees to send the new State Administrator, regardless of prior experience with this or any other federal award, to the next available OVW grantee orientation for new state administrators.

# **Condition 43**

Participation in OVW-sponsored technical assistance

The recipient agrees to attend and participate in OVW-sponsored technical assistance. Technical assistance includes, but is not limited to, national and regional conferences, audio conferences, peer-to peer consultations, and workshops conducted by OVW-designated technical assistance providers. The recipient's participation is critical for effective administration of the SAS Formula Program and to ensure adherence to statutory provisions.

#### **Condition 44**

Use of administrative funds for training

The recipient agrees that, before using administrative funds to attend training and technical assistance events, including travel costs and/or registration costs, the recipient will seek approval from its program manager, and submit an agenda and other relevant supporting documentation, to ensure that the training is a cost directly associated with administering the SAS Formula Program. The annual SAS Formula Program Administrators meeting is excluded from

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this condition.

# **Condition 45**

Consultant compensation rates

The recipient acknowledges that consultants paid with award funds generally may not be paid at a rate in excess of \$81.25 per hour, not to exceed \$650 per day. To exceed this specified maximum rate, recipients must submit to OVW a detailed justification and have such justification approved by OVW, prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds. Issuance of this award or approval of the award budget alone does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of \$81.25 per hour, not to exceed \$650 per day. Although prior approval is not required for consultant rates below this specified maximum rate, recipients are required to maintain documentation to support all daily or hourly consultant rates.

#### Condition 46

Required SAM reporting

The recipient must comply with any and all applicable requirements regarding reporting of information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings connected with (or connected to the performance of) either this OVW award or any other grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the federal government. Under certain circumstances, recipients of OVW awards are required to report information about such proceedings, through the federal System for Award Management (known as "SAM"), to the designated federal integrity and performance system.

The details of recipient obligations regarding the required reporting (and updating) of information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings within SAM are posted on the OVW website at https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions (titled "Award Condition: Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, including Recipient Reporting in SAM") and are incorporated by reference here.

#### Condition 47

Limit on administrative costs

The recipient agrees that the amount of grant funding used for administrative costs will not exceed 5 percent. Furthermore, the recipient agrees that no grant funds will be used for dues or membership fees to an organization conducting any type of lobbying, including advocating with government agencies for policy change.

#### **Condition 48**

Use of funds for direct intervention and related assistance

The recipient agrees that funds will only be used for the provision of direct intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual violence and their family and household members, including 24-hour crisis line services, medical and criminal justice/civil legal accompaniment, advocacy, and short term individual and group support counseling. Funds cannot be used towards prevention education efforts, projects focused on training allied professionals and/or communities, or the establishment or maintenance of Sexual Assault Response Teams.

# **Condition 49**

"Methods of Administration" - monitoring compliance with civil rights laws and nondiscrimination provisions

The recipient understands and agrees that it has a responsibility to monitor its subrecipients' compliance with applicable federal civil rights laws and nondiscrimination provisions. The recipient agrees to submit any required written Methods of Administration (MOA) for ensuring subrecipients' compliance to the Office of Justice Programs' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at CivilRightsMOA@usdoj.gov within 90 days of receiving the grant award. In addition, upon request by OCR (or by another authorized federal agency), the recipient must make associated documentation available for review. The details of the recipient's obligations related to MOA are posted at https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/statemethodsadmin-fy2017update and are incorporated by reference here, including any revisions posted during the period of performance.

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Nonprofit status of subrecipients

The recipient will verify that subrecipients (subgrantees), except governmental rape crisis centers and tribal governmental programs, are organizations that are described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and are exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code.

# **Condition 51**

Meaningful involvement of state coalition and representatives from underserved communities

The recipient agrees that it will meaningfully engage with and include participation from the state or territorial sexual assault coalition and representatives from underserved communities in the implementation of state or territorial plans to administer the SAS Formula Program.

#### Condition 52

Limitation on use of funds for activities addressing missing or murdered indigenous persons (MMIP)

The recipient agrees that grant funds will not be used for activities addressing MMIP unrelated to sexual assault.

#### Condition 53

Limitation on use of funds for activities addressing human trafficking

The recipient agrees that grant funds will not be used for activities addressing human trafficking unrelated to sexual assault.

### **Condition 54**

Indirect costs

The recipient may not obligate, expend, or draw down any award funds for indirect costs, unless and until either (1) the recipient submits to OVW a current, federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement, or (2) the recipient determines that it is eligible under the Part 200 Uniform Requirements to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f), and advises OVW in writing of both its eligibility and its election.

### Condition 55

Terms and conditions subject to court ordered stay

Award condition 15 ("Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws (certification)") and any certification submitted by the recipient regarding certain out-of-scope activities are subject to a preliminary stay in Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al., v. Pamela Bondi, et al., and are not enforceable as to any OVW FY 2025 awards unless and until the preliminary stay is lifted. If the preliminary stay is lifted, OVW will process a modification identifying the award condition or out-of-scope activity that is no longer subject to the preliminary stay and has become enforceable and the date on which it becomes enforceable.

[X] I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

# **Award Acceptance**

# Declaration and Certification to the U.S. Department of Justice as to Acceptance

By checking the declaration and certification box below, I--

A. Declare to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), under penalty of perjury, that I have authority to make this declaration and certification on behalf of the applicant.

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- Certify to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the following are true as of the date of this award acceptance: (1) I have conducted or there was conducted (including by applicant's legal counsel as appropriate and made available to me) a diligent review of all terms and conditions of, and all supporting materials submitted in connection with, this award, including any assurances and certifications (including anything submitted in connection therewith by a person on behalf of the applicant before, after, or at the time of the application submission and any materials that accompany this acceptance and certification); and (2) I have the legal authority to accept this award on behalf of the applicant.
- Accept this award on behalf of the applicant.
- D. Declare the following to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant: (1) I understand that, in taking (or not taking) any action pursuant to this declaration and certification, DOJ will rely upon this declaration and certification as a material representation; and (2) I understand that any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement in this declaration and certification (or concealment or omission of a material fact as to either) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies under the federal False Claims Act (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and/or §§ 3801-3812) or otherwise.

# **Agency Approval**

Title of Approving Official

Deputy Director for Grants Management and Development (Supervisory Official)

Name of Approving Official Ginger Baran Lyons

**Signed Date And Time** 8/13/25 11:00 AM

**Authorized Representative** 

[X] Declaration and Certification

**Entity Acceptance** 

Title of Authorized Entity Official

Grant Manager

Name of Authorized Entity Official

Kristin Matera

Signed Date And Time

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