VAWA SEXUAL ASSAULT SET ASIDE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT

UOVC requires that services provided to rape and sexual assault victims be <u>meaningful and</u> <u>victim centered</u>. Multi program agencies must show that sexual assault programs are dedicated to the specific needs of sexual assault victims apart from other services including domestic violence. Programs receiving sexual assault set aside funding are required to adhere to the following conditions:

- Program Title: Rape and sexual assault services must operate under an agency program title. The title must be descriptive of the rape and sexual assault services provided.
 Program title must include rape and sexual assault terms (For example: Rape Crisis Center, Sexual Assault Advocacy and Services Program, Rape Recovery Program.)
- □ **Purpose/mission statement**: The applying rape and sexual assault service program must have a mission/purpose statement which includes at a minimum the following:
 - □ Meaningful and appropriate treatment of sexual assault victims
 - □ Services must be victim centered
 - Delivery of rape and sexual assault victim services to underserved populations
- □ Job titles and descriptions: Rape and sexual assault service staff and volunteers must work under job titles and descriptions that reflect the sexual assault services being provided. The time dedicated by each position on the award application should allow for adequate meaningful service provision. Priority is given to programs that include Program Coordinators, Advocates, Case Mangers, Prosecutors, Detectives, etc., that are 100% dedicated to sexual assault services.
- □ **Training**: Programs must ensure all rape and sexual assault service staff and volunteers receive specialized training. Training should be provided continually throughout the term of employment.
- □ **Best Practices**: Service delivery must be based on rape and sexual assault best practices. Check the services the applying agency is currently providing.
 - □ Crisis Intervention
 - Crisis Hotline
 - Personal Advocacy
 - □ Information and Referral
 - Criminal Justice Advocacy
 - Civil Legal Advocacy
 - □ Accompaniment to SANE Exams
 - Derformance of Sexual Assault Forensic Exam

I certify that, ______ (agency) provides meaningful and victim centered services dedicated to rape and sexual assault victims. Personnel (paid and volunteer) have substantive understanding of the issue. Services provided by our agency to rape and sexual assault victims are <u>meaningful and victim centered as outlined above</u>.

Name of Authorizing Official

Signature of Authorizing Official

Date