

**2023-2025 VAWA Application:  
Statewide IP Goals/Objectives Justification Form**

**Purpose:** The [2022-2025 STOP VAWA Implementation Plan](#) (also called a strategic plan) is a combination of strategy, process, and action. It outlines the way the State will use STOP funding to enhance responses to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in accordance with federal priority areas. To support the current strategic plan, applicants must show how their proposed project aligns with the Statewide Implementation Plan.

**Instructions:** Each of the Implementation Plan goals and objectives are listed below. Please check the objectives that will be meaningfully addressed in your application, with STOP funding. **Only mark those objectives that are relevant and specific to your application goals/objectives/activities.** In the open text box, please explain, in detail, how your project/program will address the marked objective(s).

**GOAL 1: IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE STATE OF UTAH’S RESPONSE TO CRIME VICTIMS.** *(Check only those that apply)*

- ☐ A. Identify and maintain core services for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, dating violence, DV-related homicide, and sex trafficking.
- ☐ B. Increase support and services for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, dating violence, DV-related homicide, and sex trafficking.
- ☐ C. Develop infrastructure or enhance or establish services for victims of crime identified around the state as underserved.
- ☐ D. Support efforts to collect data regarding the nature and incidence of violence within the state across all systems targeting tribal and/or underserved populations.
- ☐ E. Implement evidence-based risk/danger assessments to identify and prioritize victims who are considered to be in relationships with a high risk of lethality.
- ☐ F. Ensure all organizations receiving federal funding take reasonable steps to make their programs, services, and activities accessible by eligible persons with limited English proficiency.

**Please provide a detailed explanation for each objective marked above.**

**GOAL 2: PROVIDE BASIC AND ADVANCED TRAINING TO SYSTEMS THAT INTERACT WITH CRIME VICTIMS.**  
(Check only those that apply)

- ☐ A. Provide culturally specific services and training to underserved communities based on factors such as race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- ☐ B. Provide basic and advanced training to tribal victim services, tribal law enforcement, and tribal courts regarding services for victims in tribal communities.
- ☐ C. Provide comprehensive training to victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel on domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, dating violence, DV-related homicide, and sex trafficking to encourage increased reporting, arrest, successful prosecution, and enforcement of protective orders.
- ☐ D. Improve quality of victim services and promote consistency of core training for victim professionals by collaborating with statewide training programs to align training and mentoring programs.

**Please provide a detailed explanation for each objective marked above.**

**GOAL 3: ENHANCE COLLABORATIONS AND IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN VICTIM SERVICES SYSTEMS.** (Check only those that apply)

- ☐ A. Increase collaboration between system-based and community-based organizations to address domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence in communities that provides a forum for interagency communication and collaboration and work to develop and implement policies and procedures that improve interagency coordination and lead to more uniform responses to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes.
- ☐ B. Utilize the State Victim Advocate Liaison, within UOVC, to improve the provision of core services, best practices, trauma informed responses and organizational capacity, thus creating consistent services throughout the state.
- ☐ C. Increase collaboration with UOVC and statewide coalitions to enhance existing services, increase services to areas with underserved needs, and improve the overall systemic response to victims of violence in our state.

**Please provide a detailed explanation for each objective marked above.**

**GOAL 4: IMPROVE VICTIM EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PROCESS.** *(Check only those that apply)*

- ☐ Create and implement best practice models of communication methods and notification protocols between criminal justice professionals and crime victims.
- ☐ Define, implement and enhance current trauma-informed care practices.
- ☐ Enhance the education and awareness surrounding victims' rights and the complaint process.
- ☐ Increase safety of victims by improving the process to obtain protective orders and stalking injunctions.
- ☐ Strengthen the criminal justice system response to sexual assault and domestic violence through developing and maintaining specialized law enforcement detectives and prosecutors.

**Please provide a detailed explanation for each objective marked above.**

**If your application does not address any of the IP Goals/Objectives, please provide an explanation in the box below.**