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# 2024 - 2025 State Funding for Sexual Assault Services in Culturally Specific and Underserved Programs

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The Utah Office for Victims of Crime has been designated as the pass-through agency for both the Sexual Assault and Other Crimes funding categories. The following is a summary of how these funds will be allocated over the next fiscal year.

## State Victim Services Funding

In the 2023 session, the Utah State Legislature allocated funding to address sexual assault services across the state of Utah. The Utah Office for Victims of Crime (UOVC), received \$3,200,000 in ongoing funds and \$5,167,000 in one-time funds to use over three years. We have detailed below how the sexual assault funds will be distributed between July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Program Category	Fiscal Year 2025 Funding by Category
Rape Crisis Centers	\$3,750,000
SANE Programs	\$500,000
Coalitions	\$825,000
Culturally Specific & Underserved Programs	\$500,000
UOVC Administration	\$275,000
TOTAL	\$5,850,000

## General Purpose

The award funding is meant to improve support for sexual assault victims in Utah by making resources available to programs that serve specific cultural groups and underserved communities, ensuring equitable help for everyone. It aims to build stronger connections between these communities and mainstream rape crisis centers. Additionally, the funding will support jobs and services focused on handling sexual assault crisis intervention, case management, and preventing sexual violence.

## Award Information

We will email the announcement of funding and award application information on August 12, 2024. You can also find the application information on our website at <https://crimevictim.utah.gov>. The announcement will include these funding instructions and two other forms that must be reviewed, completed, and returned to UOVC by **September 13, 2024**. It's very important to meet this deadline to ensure you get your funds on time. Each individual application may request up to \$75,000.

If you have any questions about the award package or need more information, please contact Melissa Wayment at [mwayment@utah.gov](mailto:mwayment@utah.gov).

## Award Summary

Funding Type:	Grant
Estimated Total Funding:	\$500,000
Expected Number of Awards:	Approximately 8
Length of Award Period:	9 months

## Term of the Award

The term of the contract is October 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

## Eligibility Criteria

### **Culturally Specific Organizations**

An organization is eligible for this funding if it is a nonprofit, non-governmental, or tribal organization that mainly helps racial and ethnic minority communities. These organizations should be run by and for the people they serve, with staff members who are part of those communities.

### **Underserved Specific Organizations**

An organization is eligible to get funding for underserved programs if it is a nonprofit, non-governmental, or tribal organization that mainly helps communities lacking resources because of cultural, social, economic, or geographical reasons. These organizations should be run by and for the people they serve, with staff members who are part of those communities.

Underserved communities often include immigrants and refugees, elderly people, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those in plural families. Helping these communities usually means creating special programs, policies, and services to reduce inequalities and improve access to important services and opportunities.

**To receive funding, eligible programs must meet these requirements:**

1. Have accounting policies and procedures in place.
2. Pay for services, staff, and administrative costs upfront and then get reimbursed by the award.
3. Track demographics and services provided with the award money.
4. Submit progress reports to UOVC.

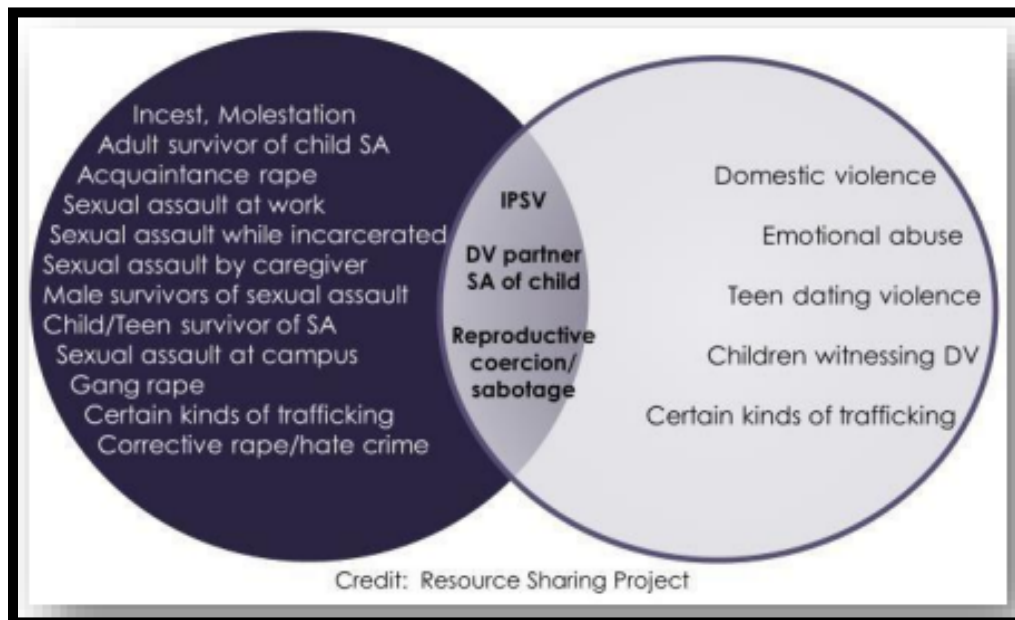
## Funding Priorities

UOVC suggests sexual assault service programs implement these best practice models, developed in collaboration with local and national experts in the field of sexual violence victim services. These practices align closely with the recommendations from the nationally recognized Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative study.

- **Show Strong Support for Sexual Assault Services:** It's beneficial for your agency to fully support sexual assault services. Consider having clear policies and procedures for sexual assault, and making these services visible in your agency's publications, website, brochures, and awareness events.
- **Provide Ongoing Training for Staff:** It's important for staff to receive regular training on sexual assault, including trauma-informed and anti-oppression approaches. Training can focus on skills like active listening, empathy, building trust, empowerment, and collaboration.
- **Offer Culturally Relevant Services:** Programs might consider actively engaging with underserved populations that might be reluctant to seek help. Demonstrating an understanding of and commitment to combating racism and oppression can be beneficial. Being responsive to the diverse needs of survivors is also important.
- **Evaluate the Program Regularly:** Regular assessment and improvement of your services can be helpful. Conducting needs assessments and satisfaction surveys allows you to learn from these

evaluations and improve the program, ensuring the well-being of your staff and organization.

→ **Address the Wide-Ranging Needs of Survivors:** Providing comprehensive support that goes beyond immediate crisis response can be very effective. Consider addressing the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of survivors, their families, and their allies.



This graph shows the connection between sexual violence and domestic violence. It highlights that sexual violence can happen in many different ways, and these forms often overlap with domestic violence.

## Allowable Costs

- Personnel Wages and Benefits
  - Sexual Assault Advocate
  - Sexual Assault Case Manager
  - Sexual Violence Education or Outreach Specialist
  - Sexual Assault Therapist
  - Administrative roles like a Supervisor, Financial Manager or Grant Manager. This funding can support the time these positions spend on the sexual assault program only.

➤ Supportive Activities

- Crisis intervention
- Advocacy or case management
- Therapy
- Psychoeducational or therapeutic groups
- Raising awareness about sexual assault services
- Preventing rape and sexual assault
- Program assessment and evaluation
- Specialized training for staff on sexual assault
- Culturally specific traditional healing
- Administrative costs like rent, utilities, maintenance, insurance, and audit costs.

➤ Direct Client Support Costs

- Housing
- Clothing
- Food
- Child Care
- Transportation
- Items to enhance a victim's safety

➤ Additional Considerations

- Food and beverage for culturally specific program activities (may include clients, staff, and community partners; contact UOVC support staff for details)

## Non-allowable Costs

- Raising money
- Paying board members

- Research and studies (except for needs assessments and program evaluations)
- Treatment for offenders
- Services for crimes other than sexual assault
- Services to clients who are not a victim
- Uses not approved by the agency's governing body
- Expenses outside the agency's functions
- Buying land or property
- Major construction projects
- Buying alcohol or entertainment
- Buying gifts

## Activities That May Compromise Victim Safety

The main goal of this program is to keep victims safe. We know that some practices can actually make things worse for victims instead of helping them. Sometimes, the way authorities respond can make the offender's actions seem less serious.

To ensure victims' safety and to hold offenders accountable, applicants must not support any activities that could put victims at risk or hinder their recovery.

Applicants should check the Certified Assurances & Grant Conditions for a list of activities that could harm victim safety.

## How to Apply

- Confirm your eligibility on page 4 under Eligibility Criteria.
- Complete the Program Information Form - See additional notes about completing this form below.
- Complete the Program Budget excel sheet
- Once the google form is submitted and the budget is complete, email the budget and notice of completion to:



Melissa Wayment  
Sexual Assault Services Funding Coordinator  
mwayment@utah.gov

- Application Submissions are **due September 13, 2024** by close of business.

## How to Complete Application Forms

These forms will be included in the announcement email and found on our website.

### → **Program Budget**

Fill out the State Funds Budget tab only. Your budget should be based on what your program needs. Carefully read the budget instructions included in the budget form. Only request items within the Allowable Costs section listed on page 6 and make sure the funding you request can be used between October 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Once this form is complete it should be emailed to Melissa Wayment at the email address above.

### → **Program Information Form**

The Program Information Form is a key component of the application for sexual assault services funding. This form is designed to gather detailed information about your organization, including its mission, financial management practices, and specific goals related to the grant. The form is divided into four sections:

1. Basic Organization Information
2. Organization Programmatic Information
3. Financial Management Information
4. Program Plan

Completing this form thoroughly and accurately will help us better understand your organization's capacity to deliver effective sexual assault services and manage the grant funds.

There are two options for completing this form. You can fill it out online and submit it through the Google survey. If you'd rather not use the online form, you can use the provided PDF with the questions, type your answers into your own document, and email it to Melissa Wayment at the address provided above.

If you use a Google account to complete the form, your progress will be saved automatically. However, if you do not use a Google account, you'll need to enter all the information and submit it before closing the form, as your progress won't be saved.

## Funding Determinations

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime (UOVC) has the sole discretion to determine which applications will be chosen for funding. When we review a funding application, we follow a thorough process. Our UOVC team conducts an internal review to ensure all the necessary details are included and clearly presented. Next, we assess whether the project addresses important needs in the community. We also verify that the project aligns with the main goals of the funding. Finally, we determine if there is enough money available to support the project.

## How to Request Assistance

### **Assistance with Program Development**

We encourage all programs to reach out to their state coalition for help in working with sexual assault victims and the best ways to build effective programs.

#### **Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA)**

- **Phone:** (801) 746-0404
- **Email:** info@ucasa.org

#### **Restoring Ancestral Winds (RAW)**

- **Email:** alexis@restoringawcoalition.org

### **Technical Assistance on the Application Process**

For technical assistance with the application process, please contact:

#### **The Utah Office for Victims of Crime**

**Melissa Wayment, Sexual Assault Services Funding Coordinator**

- **Email:** [mwayment@utah.gov](mailto:mwayment@utah.gov)
- **Phone:** 385-226-0395

We will be hosting two virtual Question & Answer sessions on completing the application on the following dates:

- August 22, 2024, from 9 AM to 10 AM
- August 23, 2024, from 10 PM to 2 PM

To receive the meeting invitation, please email [mwayment@utah.gov](mailto:mwayment@utah.gov).