



# Overview of Grant-Making Components and Funding Opportunities at the U.S. Department of Justice



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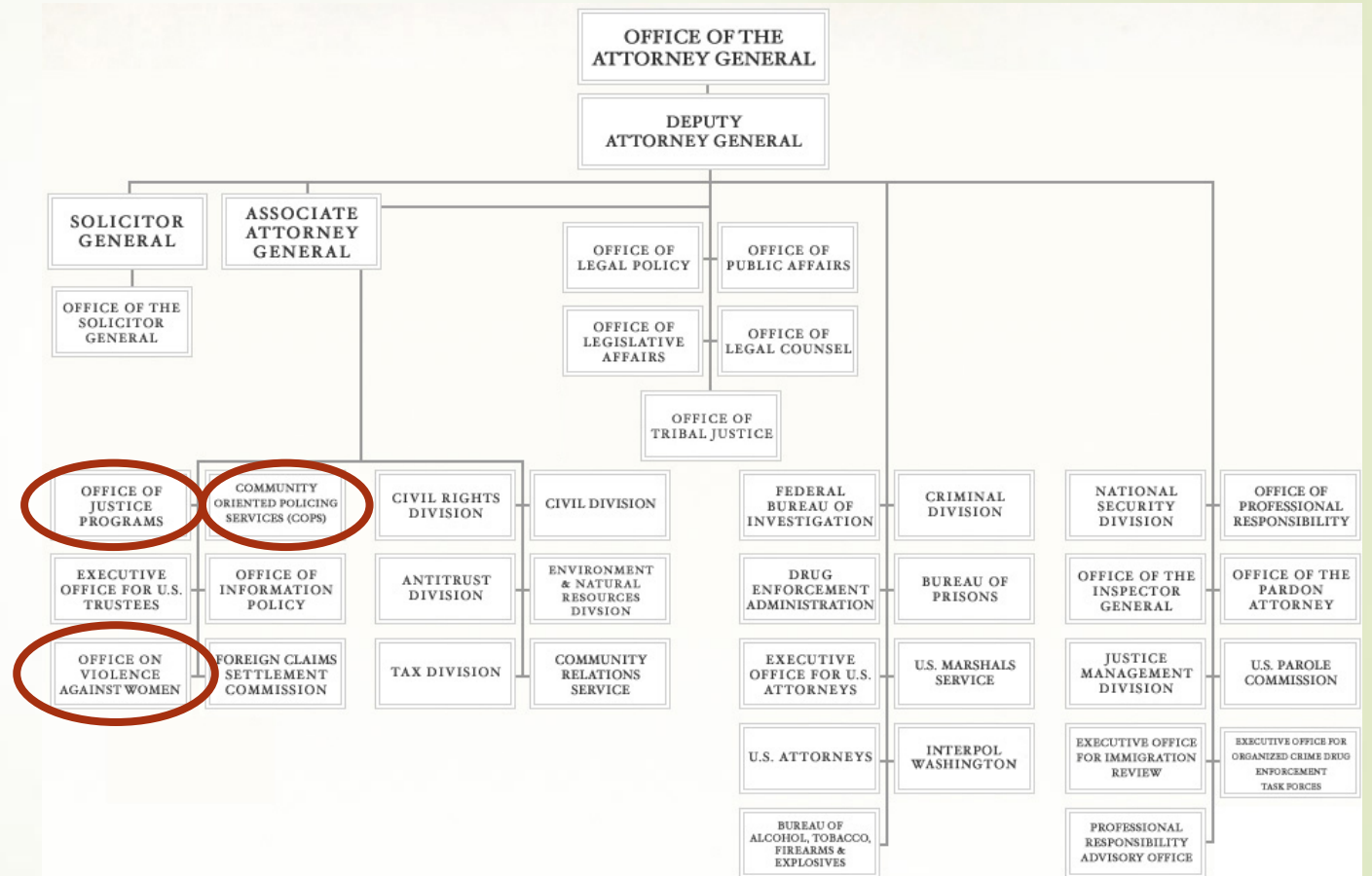
## Mission Statement

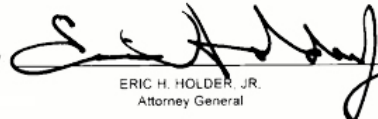
- To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

# Grant-Making Components

Three grant-making components in the Department:

- Office of Justice Programs
- Office on Violence Against Women
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services



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# Where to Find Funding Opportunities

- ▶ Grants.gov
  - ▶ Grants.gov is managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and serves as a centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities
  - ▶ Today, the Grants.gov system houses information on over 1,000 grant programs and vets grant applications for 26 federal grant-making agencies.
- ▶ Each Grant-Making Components website
  - ▶ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
    - ▶ <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46>
  - ▶ Office on Violence Against Women
    - ▶ <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>
  - ▶ Office of Justice Programs
    - ▶ <http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm>

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DHS-15-GPD-042-001-01	Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program - Region 1	Department of Homeland Security - FEMA
INL15CA001MEXICO03252015	Development of a Comprehensive Prison Inmate Reinsertion Methodology	International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs
CDC-RFA-EH15-1506	National Public Health Surveillance for Chemical and Radiologic Exposures	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
DHS-15-GPD-042-002-01	Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program - Region 2	Department of Homeland Security - FEMA
DHS-15-GPD-042-008-01	Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program - Region 8	Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

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# COPS Office *(Grants and Funding Landing Page)*



The screenshot shows the COPS Office website's Grants and Funding landing page. The header features the COPS logo (Department of Justice seal and 'COPS COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES') and the slogan 'BUILDING Relationships, SOLVING Problems'. A navigation menu includes links for ABOUT, NEWS & EVENTS, GRANTS & FUNDING, RESOURCES, TRAINING, CAREERS, and ACCOUNT ACCESS. The main content area is titled 'GRANTS & FUNDING' and lists several key documents: 'Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Language Access Policy and Plan', 'Grant Monitoring Standards and Guidelines for All COPS Grants and Cooperative Agreements', and 'COPS Financial Toolkit'. There are also sections for 'ANNOUNCEMENTS' and 'FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES'. A prominent announcement states: '2/24/2015 - The FY 2015 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) is now closed.' The right sidebar contains logos for 'THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING', 'DIRECTOR'S CORNER', 'SMART ON CRIME' (The Attorney General's Initiative), 'RESOURCE CENTER', 'THE L. ANTHONY SUTIN CIVIC IMAGINATION AWARD', 'Dispatch', and 'THE BEAT' (Keeping You In The Know). Social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube are at the bottom right.

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## GRANTS & FUNDING

**Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Language Access Policy and Plan**

**Grant Monitoring Standards and Guidelines for All COPS Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

**COPS Financial Toolkit**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2/24/2015 - The FY 2015 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) is now closed.**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The COPS Office is pleased to announce this year's grant programs. Below you will find brief

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

SMART ON CRIME The Attorney General's Initiative

RESOURCE CENTER

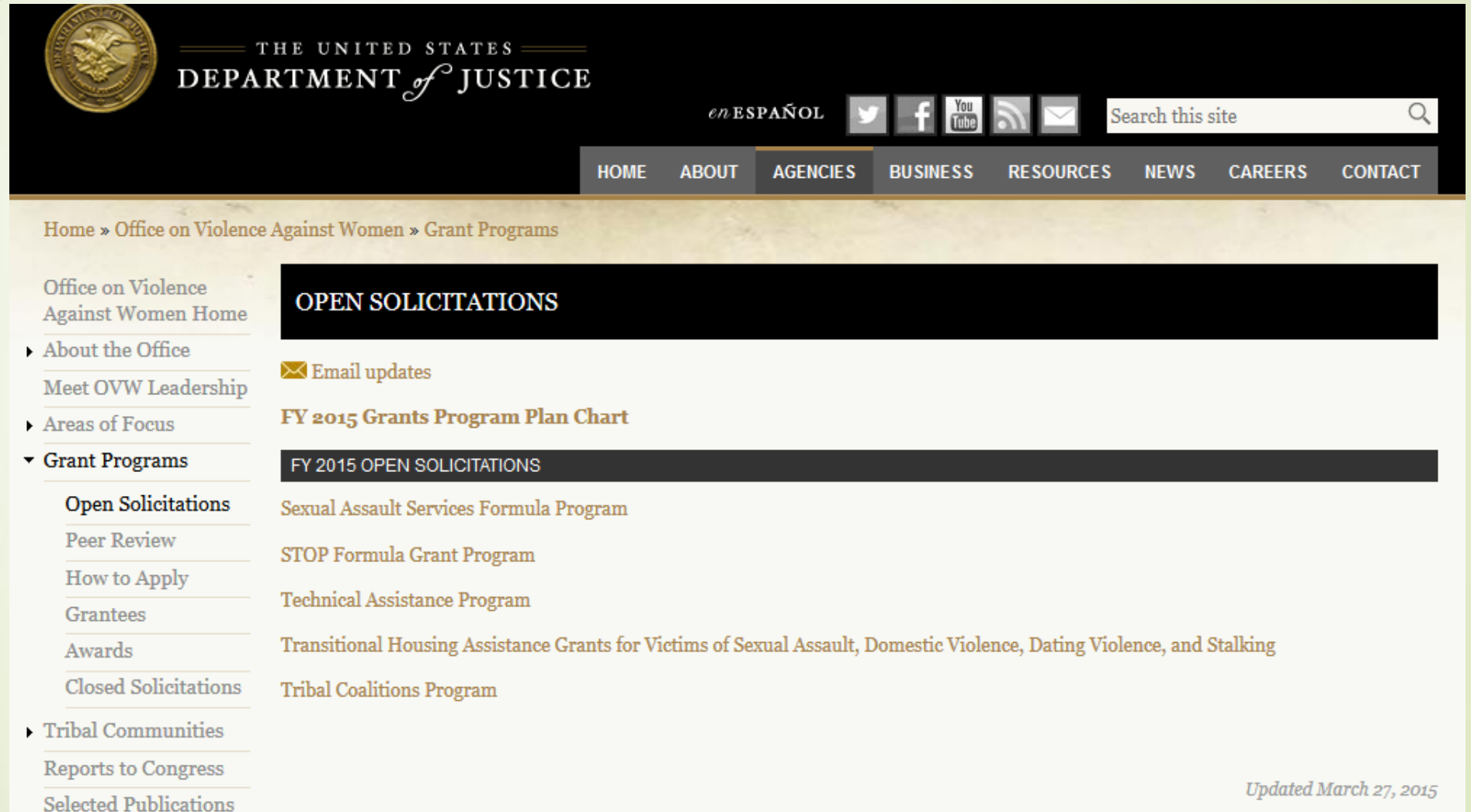
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# OVW (Open Solicitations Landing Page)



The screenshot shows the Department of Justice website's Open Solicitations landing page. The header features the Department of Justice seal and name, with navigation links for Home, About, Agencies, Business, Resources, News, Careers, and Contact. A search bar and social media icons are also present. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail, a sidebar with navigation links, and a central section for 'OPEN SOLICITATIONS' with a list of programs and a date stamp.

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**FY 2015 Grants Program Plan Chart**

**FY 2015 OPEN SOLICITATIONS**

- [Sexual Assault Services Formula Program](#)
- [STOP Formula Grant Program](#)
- [Technical Assistance Program](#)
- [Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking](#)
- [Tribal Coalitions Program](#)

*Updated March 27, 2015*

# OJP (Current Funding Opportunities Landing Page)



The screenshot shows the official website for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) under the U.S. Department of Justice. The page is titled "Current Funding Opportunities" and provides information on how to find and apply for grants. It includes a navigation menu, a search bar, and several key sections: "Funding Resource Center", "Explore" (with a magnifying glass icon), "Apply" (with a document icon), and "Current Funding Opportunities" (with a list of links). The main content area features a detailed description of the funding opportunities and a list of "Open Solicitations" and "Open Challenges".

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 Apply

## Current Funding Opportunities

The table below lists all the open OJP funding opportunities, with links to the full text of the solicitation and to the appropriate grants system to apply. We encourage you to check out the [Apply](#) section of the site for information and training on writing and submitting an application. If you are looking for funding opportunities released in previous years or that closed during the current fiscal year, go to the [Past Funding Opportunities page](#).

- [Open Solicitations](#)  
Solicitations are OJP's competitive and formula/block grant funding opportunity announcements.
- [Open Challenges](#)  
Challenges are technical, scientific, ideation, and creative competitions where the U.S. government seeks innovative solutions from the public, bringing the best ideas and talent together to solve mission-centric problems.

### Open Solicitations

 E-mail updates





# General Tips for Preparing Successful Grant Applications

- ☑ Ensure your online registrations, passwords, etc. (e.g., Grants.gov, GMS, COPS website, etc.) are current!
- ☑ Start the application and submission process as early as possible
- ☑ Thoroughly read the solicitation, call for concept papers, request for proposals, etc.
- ☑ Call or email the point of contact if you have questions
- ☑ Ensure complete compliance with current grants (progress reports, Federal Financial Reports, past audit or site visit issues are resolved, etc.).
- ☑ Narrative sections should be well-written and should address all relevant sections/questions
- ☑ Use the application checklists and follow instructions to the letter
- ☑ Complete all sections and ensure accuracy of the information
- ☑ Ensure that all contact information is current, especially email addresses, as this is how we alert you of solicitation openings and closings
- ☑ Print and keep copies of all online grant applications



# COPS Office Overview

## Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

- Established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.
- Mission is to advance public safety through community policing.
- Community policing focuses on collaborative efforts to prevent and respond to crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.
- Since 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to add community policing officers to the nation's streets, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention initiatives, and provide training and technical assistance to help advance community policing.
- The COPS Office has funded more than 126,000 additional officers to more than 13,600 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in small and large jurisdictions alike.

# COPS Funding

<i>Program</i>	<b>FY'14 Enacted</b>	<b>FY'15 Enacted</b>	<b>FY'16 Budget Request</b>
In Millions			
COPS Hiring	\$151	\$134.5	\$209.5
Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP)	\$33	\$33	\$35
Community Policing Development	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$20
Collaborative Reform Model	\$5	\$5	\$20
Anti-Meth Task Forces	\$7.5	\$7	
Anti-Heroin Task Forces		\$7	
Regional Anti-Gang Task Forces		\$7	
Countering Violent Extremism			\$3
Diversity in Law Enforcement			\$5
DEA Meth Transfer	\$10	\$7	\$11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$214M</b>	<b>\$208M</b>	<b>\$303.5M</b>

# COPS FY 2105 Funding Availability

<b>Grant Program</b>	<b>Amount Available in FY15</b>
<b>COPS Hiring Program</b>	\$134.5 million
<b>Community Policing Development</b>	\$7.5 million
<b>Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA)</b>	\$5 million
<b>Anti-Meth Task Forces (CAMP)</b>	\$7 million
<b>Anti-Heroin Task Forces</b>	\$7 million
<b>Regional Anti-Gang Task Forces</b>	\$7 million




# COPS Hiring

- In 2009, COPS received 7,272 CHRP applications requesting approximately \$8.3 billion for 39,346 officers. However, we were able to fund only 1,046 of those applications for 4,699 officers with the \$1 billion available.
- In 2010, COPS received 4,423 applications requesting over \$2 billion in federal assistance, but we were only able to fund 1,395 officers through 396 awards. Grants were awarded from the 2009 pool of unfunded applications
- In 2011, COPS received over 2,700 applications requesting over \$2 billion in federal assistance and were able to fund 1,021 officers through 238 awards.
- In 2012, COPS received 1,411 applications requesting over \$500 million and were only able to make 233 awards for 828 officers. Grants were awarded from the 2011 pool of unfunded applications.
- In 2013, COPS received 1,718 applications requesting over \$970 million and were only able to make 266 awards for 955 officers.
- In 2014, COPS funded only 215 applications of the 1,296 that were submitted. COPS received funding requests of more than \$425 million for the \$123 million that was available.





# Office of Justice Programs Overview

- The Mission of OJP is to increase public safety and improve the fair administration of justice across America through innovative leadership and programs.
  - OJP strives to make the nation's criminal justice and juvenile justice systems more responsive to the needs of state, local and tribal governments and their citizens.
  - OJP partners with federal, state, and local agencies, and national and community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, to develop, operate, and evaluate a wide range of criminal and juvenile justice programs.
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# OJP COMPOSITION

OJP is comprised of 5 bureaus and 1 program offices:

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART)



# Key OJP Programs/Initiatives

- ▶ Justice Assistance Grant Program
- ▶ Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- ▶ Building Communities of Trust & Justice
- ▶ Project Safe Neighborhoods/Byrne Criminal Justice Initiative
- ▶ Prisoner Reentry – 2nd Chance Act
- ▶ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Courts
- ▶ DNA/Forensics
- ▶ VISION 21
- ▶ DOJ Children's Exposure to Violence Initiative (CEV) – Defending Childhood
- ▶ Youth Violence Prevention
- ▶ Youth and Adult Mentoring
- ▶ CrimeSolutions.Gov/ Evidence Integration Initiative



# OJP Funding

- ▶ In FY 2014, OJP made 2,855 grant awards to state and local law enforcement and community organizations, totaling more than \$1.7 billion.
- ▶ In accordance with the Obama Administration's efforts to increase federal government transparency, OJP has posted a list of all grant awards since FY 2003 at:  
[www.ojp.gov/funding](http://www.ojp.gov/funding).
- ▶ OJP's 2015 Program Plan can be found at:  
<http://data.ojp.gov/services/PPI/includes/ppi/Home.htm?Year=2015>



# OJP GRANTS 101

- OJP Grants 101 is an online resource for prospective grantees. OJP Grants 101 features step-by-step guidance on how to apply for funding, providing:
  - Overview of the OJP grant process.
  - Tips to find funding opportunities and writing strong applications.
  - Description of the application review process.
  - Links to other resources, including the OJP Financial Guide and sample application materials.
- OJP Grants 101 website: [www.ojp.gov/grants101](http://www.ojp.gov/grants101)






# Office on Violence Against Women

## Mission Statement

- The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking through the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act



# About OVW

- OVW was created to implement the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and subsequent legislation
  - OVW currently administers 18 grant programs – four formula and 14 discretionary
  - The 14 discretionary programs work to support victims and hold perpetrators accountable through promoting a coordinated community response
  - Funding is provided to local and state and tribal governments, courts, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, secondary schools, institutions of higher education, and state and tribal coalitions
  - Since 1995, OVW has awarded nearly \$6 billion in grants and cooperative agreements
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# Violence Against Women Act


- ▶ Violence Against Women Act of 1994
  - ▶ comprehensive legislative package focused on violence against women
  - ▶ recognized the devastating consequences that violence has on women, families, and society as a whole
  - ▶ acknowledged that violence against women requires specialized responses to address unique barriers that prevent victims from seeking assistance from the justice system
- ▶ Violence Against Women Act of 2000
  - ▶ improved legal tools and programs addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
  - ▶ established new programs and strengthened federal laws
  - ▶ emphasized assisting immigrant victims, elderly victims, victims with disabilities, and victims of dating violence
- ▶ Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005
  - ▶ improved and expanded legal tools and grant programs addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- ▶ Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013
  - ▶ first federal statute to explicitly bar discrimination based on actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation - as well as race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability
  - ▶ recognizes tribes' inherent power to exercise "special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction" over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit acts of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country



# Funding Streams

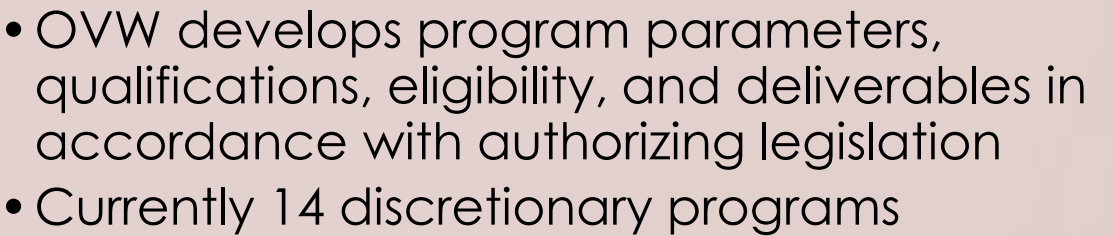


## Formula

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- Funds are distributed according to the enacting legislation
  - Currently four formula programs



## Discretionary

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- OVW develops program parameters, qualifications, eligibility, and deliverables in accordance with authorizing legislation
  - Currently 14 discretionary programs



# VAWA Formula Grants



STOP Violence  
Against Women  
Formula Grant

Sexual Assault  
Services Formula  
Grant

State and Territorial  
Sexual Assault and  
Domestic Violence  
Coalitions

Grants to Tribal  
Domestic Violence  
and Sexual Assault  
Coalitions





# VAWA Discretionary Grants

Abuse in Later  
Life

Arrest

Campus

Consolidated  
Youth

Culturally  
Specific Services

Disabilities

Justice for  
Families

Legal Assistance  
for Victims

Rural

Sexual Assault  
Services  
Culturally  
Specific

Transitional  
Housing

Tribal  
Governments

Tribal Sexual  
Assault Services  
Program

Underserved



# Funded Activities



Law  
Enforcement

Direct  
services

Legal  
Assistance

Training

Crisis  
Intervention

Prevention  
Education

Transitional  
Housing

Court  
Improvement

Supervised  
Visitation

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