

Sexual Assault Services (SASP) Formula Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: May funds be used to support services to children?

A: Yes funds may be used to support projects that focus on direct services for children who are victims of sexual assault. Services rendered to children do not have to be in connection to serving an adult parent and there is no age restriction on providing services to children.

Q: May funds be used to support projects that include education and prevention activities?

A: No, funds may not be used for education and prevention. However, funds may be used for outreach in inform persons about the services provided by a specific program. For example, a program could use pamphlets, brochures, or community presentations to announce the services available under the grant.

Q: Are volunteer related expenses allowable under this program?

A: Yes, supporting these activities would be allowable. Examples would include training and supervision of volunteers.

Q: Is there a limitation on the types of sexual violence SASP funds may be used to address?

A: Funds may be used to address intimate partner; stranger and non-stranger sexual assault; as well as adult, adolescent, and child sexual violence. Both male and female victims may be served.

Q: May SASP funds be used to address domestic violence?

A: Yes, but only if the reason for providing the services is sexual violence. For example, funding could support accompaniment of the victim for a sexual assault forensic medical exam, but could not be used to support a general domestic violence-related crisis shelter.

Q: May SASP funds be used for advocate training?

A: The funds may be used to train advocates (volunteer or employee) that will provide specific grant-funded services, but may not be used to provide generalized statewide training.

Q: May funds be used for general professional training (i.e. for law enforcement, mental health, prosecutors, etc.)?

A: No, funds may not be used for general training nor may funds be used to develop training curricula.

Q: May grantees serve adult survivors of child sexual abuse or other survivors of a non-recent assault?

A: Yes. There are no limits on when the assault must have occurred.

Q: May Sexual Assault Nurse/Forensic Examiner programs be funded?

A: No. SASP funds **cannot** support activities that are conducted by or inherent to the criminal justice system such as sexual assault nurse/forensic examiner programs, law enforcement investigations, and/or prosecution of sex crimes. However, SASP funds **can** support advocates

from non-profit, non-governmental agencies accompanying a victim through any aspect of the criminal justice system.

Q: May Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) be funded?

A: No. However, if an advocate position is funded under the grant, the advocate's time in attending SART meetings may be covered as part of the advocacy he or she provides.

Q: May SASP funds support a hotline?

A: Yes, to the extent the hotline is for sexual assault victims. If the hotline covers a broader array of issues, the costs should be pro-rated according to the percentage of calls that are for sexual assault. In order for a multi-issue hotline to receive SASP funds, the people who answer the hotline would need to have sexual assault specific training.

Q: Are women's only or men's only support groups allowable?

A: Yes, assuming that the gender-specificity is for therapeutic reasons. Services should be available for victims of both genders.

Q: How long is "short-term counseling"?

A: Up to one year.