

Office of the Attorney General
Request for Applications (RFA) for the
Sexual Assault Services Program Grant

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is soliciting applications for the Sexual Assault Services Program Grant to utilize funds for preventing sexual assault or improving services for survivors and other individuals affected by sexual violence.

Applicable Funding Source for the Sexual Assault Services Program Grant:

The source of funding is through a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature. All funding is contingent upon an appropriation to the OAG by the Texas Legislature. The OAG makes no commitment that an Application, once submitted, or a grant, once funded, will receive subsequent funding.

Eligibility Requirements:

Eligible Applicants: State Sexual Assault Coalition – a statewide nonprofit organization that has been identified as a state sexual assault coalition by a state or federal agency authorized to make that designation.

Eligibility: The OAG will initially screen each application for eligibility. Applications will be deemed ineligible if the application is submitted by an ineligible applicant; the application is not filed in the manner and form required by the Application Kit; the application is filed after the deadline established in the Application Kit; or the application does not meet other requirements as stated in the RFA and the Application Kit.

How to Obtain Application Kit: The OAG will post the Application Kit on the OAG's website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/divisions/grants>. Updates and other helpful reminders about the application process will also be posted at this location. Potential Applicants are encouraged to refer to the site regularly.

Deadlines and Filing Instructions for the Grant Application:

Create an On-Line Account: Creating an on-line account in the Grant Offering and Application Lifecycle System (GOALS) is required to apply for a grant. If an on-line account is not created, the Applicant will be unable to apply for funding. To create an on-line account, the Applicant must email the point of contact information to Grants@oag.texas.gov with the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address (*It is highly recommended to use a generic organization email address if available*)
- Organization Legal Name

Note: Applicants who created accounts during the Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG), Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG), and Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (SAPCS)-State grant application cycle are already registered in GOALS.

- Registered Applicants should access their Grant Programs webpage (homepage) in GOALS and select the green View Grant Programs button. If the answers provided on the Eligibility questions matched to the Sexual Assault Services Program Grant, the application will be available to the Applicant.

Application Deadline: The Applicant must submit its application, including all required attachments, to the OAG by the deadline and the manner and form established in the Application Kit.

Filing Instructions: Strict compliance with the submission instructions, as provided in the Application Kit, is required. The OAG will **not** consider an Application if it is not submitted by the due date. The OAG will **not** consider an Application if it is not in the manner and form as stated in the Application Kit.

Minimum and Maximum Amounts of Funding Available: Minimum and maximum amounts of funding are subject to change as stated in the Application Kit. The minimum amount of funding for a coalition is \$65,000 per fiscal year. The maximum amount of funding for a coalition is \$1,524,468 per fiscal year.

Grant Period- Up to Two Years: The grant contract period (term) is up to two years from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023, subject to and contingent on funding and/or approval by the OAG.

No Match Requirements: There are no match requirements.

Award Criteria: The OAG will make funding decisions that support the efficient and effective use of public funds. Scoring components will include, but are not limited to, information provided by the Applicant on the proposed project activities and budget. Funding decisions will be determined using a competitive allocation method. All grant decisions including, but not limited to, eligibility, evaluation and review, and funding rest completely within the discretionary authority of the OAG. The decisions made by the OAG are final and are not subject to appeal.

Grant Purpose Areas: Grant contracts awarded under this Application Kit may be used to carry out the purpose of Texas Government Code, Chapter 420, including standardizing the quality of services provided, preventing sexual assault, providing training and technical assistance to sexual assault programs, and improving services to survivors and other individuals affected by sexual violence.

Prohibitions on Use of Grant Funds: OAG grant funds may not be used to support or pay the costs of lobbying; indirect costs; fees to administer a subcontract; any portion of the salary or any other compensation for an elected government official; the purchase of food and beverages except as allowed under Texas State Travel Guidelines; the purchase or lease of vehicles; the purchase of promotional items or recreational activities; costs of travel that are unrelated to the direct delivery of services that support the OAG grant-funded program; the costs for consultants or vendors who participate directly in writing a

grant application; or for any unallowable costs set forth in applicable state or federal law, rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, procedures or cost principles. Grant funds may not be used to purchase any other products or services the OAG identifies as inappropriate or unallowable within this RFA or the Application Kit.

OAG Contact Person: If additional information is needed, contact the Grants Administration Division at Grants@oag.texas.gov, or (512) 936-0792.