

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FY 2025 Budget Request



Keeping Our Country Safe:
Protect Vulnerable Populations

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
FEDERAL PROGRAMS			
Civil Division (CIV)			
Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Covid-19 Vaccine Transfer	0	0	\$5,000
Subtotal, CIV	0	0	\$5,000
Subtotal, Federal Programs	0	0	\$5,000
GRANTS			
Office of Justice Programs (OJP)			
Improving the Investigation & Prosecution of Child Abuse	0	0	\$44,000
Missing and Exploited Children’s Program	0	0	\$106,000
<i>Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)</i>	0	0	\$15,000
<i>Keep Young Athletes Safe</i>	0	0	\$2,500
<i>Victims of Trafficking</i>	0	0	\$95,000
<i>Set-Aside under Title V – Juvenile Justice (JJ) Prevention of Trafficking in Girls</i>	0	0	\$5,000
<i>Set-Aside under Title V – Juvenile Justice (JJ) Children Exposed to Violence</i>	0	0	\$10,000
Subtotal, OJP	0	0	\$277,500
OJP Crime Victims Fund CAP – Mandatory Funding Source, Discretionary Cap	0	0	\$1,500,000
Subtotal, OJP, Mandatory	0	0	\$1,500,000
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)			
Transitional Housing	0	0	\$55,000
Legal Assistance to Victims	0	0	\$60,000
Sexual Assault Services Program	0	0	\$90,000
Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction	0	0	\$25,000
Rural Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance	0	0	\$52,500
Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams	0	0	\$20,000
Consolidated Youth Oriented Program	0	0	\$20,000
Culturally-Specific Services Program	0	0	\$15,000

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)			
Improving Criminal Justice Response	0	0	\$68,000
LGBT Specific Services	0	0	\$4,000
National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse	0	0	\$3,000
Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking	0	0	\$10,000
<i>STOP Formula Program</i>	0	0	\$255,000
<i>Research and Evaluation of Violence Against Women</i>	0	0	\$2,500
<i>Grants to Support Families in the Justice System</i>	0	0	\$22,000
<i>Campus Violence</i>	0	0	\$25,000
<i>Disabilities Program</i>	0	0	\$12,000
<i>National Deaf Services</i>	0	0	\$2,000
<i>Elder Program</i>	0	0	\$9,000
<i>Indian Country – Sexual Assault Clearinghouse</i>	0	0	\$500
<i>National Resource Center on Workplace Response</i>	0	0	\$1,000
<i>Research on Violence Against Indian Women</i>	0	0	\$1,000
<i>Restorative Justice</i>	0	0	\$15,000
<i>Underserved Populations Program</i>	0	0	\$5,000
<i>Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorneys</i>	0	0	\$3,000
<i>Financial Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Domestic Violence</i>	0	0	\$4,000
<i>Abby Honold Program</i>	0	0	\$5,000
Subtotal, OVW	0	0	\$784,500
Subtotal, Grants	0	0	\$2,562,000
Total Program Enhancements	0	0	\$2,567,000

* Programs that are italicized are base resources only. Base resources are not discussed in the narrative below.

The fundamental promise of America is met only when the most vulnerable in its midst are able to enjoy the full blessings of justice. For this reason, the Department has made a strategic Objective of its FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, *Protecting Vulnerable Communities*. The FY 2025 President's Budget

further the Department's commitment to this objective by requesting **\$2.6 billion** to protect the most vulnerable by combating child exploitation, gender-based discrimination and harassment, and protecting victims of violence and abuse.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Civil Division (CIV): \$5.0 million

Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Covid-19 Vaccine Transfer

The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) has seen an increase in newly filed VICP cases in the past decade. The heavy caseload of the VICP is anticipated to grow further with the likely addition of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines to the VICP Injury Table. This funding level will allow the VICP to maintain its staffing level of 119 positions and effectively manage the current caseload. If COVID-19 vaccines are included in the VICP, the VICP will be well-positioned to begin processing the initial wave of expected cases. **Current services for this initiative are \$31.7 million and 119 positions (97 attorneys).**

GRANTS

Office of Justice Programs (OJP): Total \$277.5 million (+\$4.0 million)

→ **Missing and Exploited
Children: Total \$106.0
million (+\$1.0 million)**

→ **Improving the
Investigation and
Prosecution of Child
Abuse: Total \$44.0 million
(+\$3.0 million)**

Missing and Exploited Children: Total \$106.0 million (+\$1.0 million)

Funding will provide infrastructure for national efforts to prevent and respond to the abduction and exploitation of America's children. The Missing and Exploited Children program supports the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and the AMBER Alert Program. The requested funding increase to NCMEC will aid in managing the rising number of tips and leads received through its CyberTipline and provide additional support to the ICAC. This enhancement will enable NCMEC to improve the technological capabilities and efficiencies of the CyberTipline. This includes NCMEC's collaborative efforts with the DOJ to reduce the duplication of CyberTips sent to law enforcement. With the high volume of leads being sent, increasing and improving the CyberTipline technology is the most realistic and efficient way to receive, process and distribute these leads to law enforcement. **Current services for this initiative are \$105.0 million.**

Improving the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse: Total \$44.0 million (+\$3.0 million)

The Victims of Child Abuse Act (VOCAA) Program enhances the effectiveness of the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. It supports specialized training and technical assistance to build strong multidisciplinary teams of highly qualified professionals dedicated in the prevention, intervention, prosecution, and investigation systems aiding in response to heal victims of child abuse. The increased funding will allow OJP to expand its VOCAA Children's Advocacy Centers National Subgrant Program to increase the number of accredited local Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) across the country and enhance the services provided by existing accredited CACs and includes resources for the development of a national tribal training and technical assistance program. **Current services for this initiative are \$41.0 million.**

**Office on Violence
Against Women (OVW):
Total \$784.5 million
(+\$88.5 million)**

→ **Transitional Housing
Program: Total \$55.0
million (+\$5.0 million)**

→ **Legal Assistance
for Victims Program:
Total \$60.0 million
(+\$5.0 million)**

→ **Sexual Assault
Services Program:
Total \$90.0 million
(+\$11.5 million)**

→ **Special Tribal Criminal
Jurisdiction (STCJ):
Total \$25.0 million
(+\$14.0 million)**

Transitional Housing Program: Total \$55.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

In addition to funding housing units, the Transitional Housing Program supports victims with security deposits, rental assistance, and utility payments. Grantees also provide supportive services, such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services, as well as childcare, employment services, and transportation assistance. Historically, demand from victims far surpasses available resources.

Current services for this initiative are \$50.0 million.

Legal Assistance for Victims Program: Total \$60.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

Civil legal assistance provided by attorneys funded through the OVW's Legal Assistance for Victims Program increases the quality, quantity, and efficacy of legal services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Research has shown that appropriately trained attorneys have a significant impact on safe outcomes for survivors. Victims who receive help from attorneys and community-based advocates may be more likely to perceive themselves as having a voice in the justice process. **Current services for this initiative are \$55.0 million.**

Sexual Assault Services Program: Total \$90.0 million (+\$11.5 million)

This program supports rape crisis centers and other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or tribal programs that provide services, crisis intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. With additional funding, the OVW will be able to significantly increase the size of awards to states and territories, which are based on population, enabling rape crisis centers to serve tens of thousands more victims each year. **Current services for this initiative are \$78.5 million.**

Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ): Total \$25.0 million (+\$14.0 million)

Additional funding is requested to support efforts by tribes in planning, implementing, and exercising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction to hold accountable non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country and to reimburse participating tribes for expenses incurred in exercising STCJ. The program encourages collaborations among tribal leadership, courts, prosecutors, attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, probation, victim service providers, and other partners. This ensures that in Indian country or Alaska Native villages victims find safety and justice, and that non-Indians who commit covered crimes are held accountable and have their rights safeguarded. **Current services for this initiative are \$11.0 million.**

Rural Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance: Total of \$52.5 million (+\$2.5 million)

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→ Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (SANEs): Total of \$20.0 million

→ Consolidated Youth Oriented Program: Total \$20.0 million (\$3.0 million)

→ Culturally-Specific Services: Total \$15.0 million (\$4.0 million)

An estimated one in five people in the United States lives in a rural area. Rural victims of violence may have worse psychosocial and physical health outcomes than their urban counterparts, due to challenges related to geographic isolation, lack of material resources, and social and cultural pressures that make it difficult to seek and obtain help. Therefore, the Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (Rural Program) supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse in rural areas. **Current services for this initiative are \$50.0 million.**

Access to Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (SANEs): Total of \$20.0 million

These funds will support the issuance of grants for regional Sexual Assault Forensics Examiners (SAFEs), and technical assistance and resources to increase access to SANEs and SAFEs, as authorized by section 1318 of VAWA 2022. This program will help address nationwide gaps in the availability and quality of post-sexual assault medical forensic care. Emergency medical care is critical for treating a victim's healthcare needs and collecting forensic evidence after a sexual assault, and such care is best provided by specially trained SANEs and SAFEs. **There are no current services for this program.**

Consolidated Youth Oriented Program: Total \$20.0 million (\$3.0 million)

This program provides services to children and youth exposed to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as youth victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Grantees also use these funds to provide services to non-abusing parents and caregivers. **Current services for this initiative are \$17.0 million.**

Culturally-Specific Services: Total \$15.0 million (\$4.0 million)

These funds will support culturally-specific services for victims. Advocates report that survivors are more inclined to seek services from organizations that are familiar with their culture, language, and background. Culturally-specific community-based organizations are more likely to understand the complex challenges that victims from their communities face when attempting to access services. **Current services for this initiative are \$11.0 million.**

→ Improving Criminal Justice Response/ Arrest: Total \$68.0 million (+\$7.5 million)

→ LGBT Specific Services Program: Total \$4.0 million (+\$3.0 million)

→ National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse: Total \$3.0 million

Improving Criminal Justice Response/Arrest: Total \$68.0 million (+\$7.5 million)

This program supports coordinated community responses to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, with an emphasis on the criminal justice system's role in holding offenders accountable for their crimes. Further, with set-asides of up to \$4.0 million for a homicide reduction initiative and \$4.0 million to address domestic violence lethality issues relating to firearms, the OVW will be able to invest in research, practice, and training and technical assistance designed to spot risk factors for domestic violence-related homicide and disarm abusers before they kill. **Current services for this initiative are \$60.5 million.**

LGBT Specific Services Program: Total \$4.0 million (+\$3.0 million)

These funds will be used to support greater outreach to, and services for, transgender victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Transgender individuals suffer high levels of violent victimization and are at a much greater risk of dying by suicide than those whose gender identity corresponds with the sex registered for them at birth. Service providers may be unprepared to offer sensitive and appropriate services to LGBT victims of violence; in fact, only an estimated one in five LGBT victims of intimate partner violence or sexual assault seek help from a victim services organization. The funding requested for services for transgender survivors will broaden the OVW's reach to this population that is disproportionately affected by violence and faces greater barriers to safety and justice. **Current services for this initiative are \$1.0 million.**

National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse: Total \$3.0 million

These funds will enable the OVW to fund a new five-year project to launch and maintain a national service line for incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse, to provide support services to survivors in local, State, tribal, and Federal confinement facilities, support coordination efforts with victim service providers, and offer technical assistance to victim service providers working with incarcerated victims. Sexual abuse is already one of the most underreported violent crimes in the United States, and confinement settings create additional barriers for victims to report or seek help. Many confinement agencies and facilities across the country, especially those in remote and rural areas (where services are limited), have struggled to maintain compliance with Prison Rape Elimination Act standard 53. Additionally, sexual assault services are underfunded despite the high rate of sexual assault and the tremendous need for specialized services, including services for incarcerated survivors. As a result, many incarcerated survivors receive little to no sexual assault support services. **There are no current services for this request.**

→ Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking: Total \$10.0 million

Special Initiative to Address the Intersection of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking: Total \$10.0 million

This program will enable the OVW to support tribal victim services providers with resources to increase MMIP awareness; work with tribal, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to develop MMIP response protocols and reporting; inform the public and offer tribal community education on the connections of MMIP with other crimes (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking); and promote healing for families and survivors. This funding will also provide resources to support the creation, training, and sustainability of Healing and Response Teams (HRT) that will be available to tribal community-based organizations, Indian Tribes, and urban Indian organizations, as described in the Not Invisible Act Commission recommendations. ***There are no current services for this request.***