



National Alliance to
End Sexual Violence

Sex Offense Set-Aside in PHHSBG

Request: Fund the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant at \$160 million. Preserve the \$7 million set-aside for rape victim services and prevention.

Flexible funding for community needs. The Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) administered by the CDC allows states, territories and tribes to address their own unique public health needs and challenges with innovative and community driven methods.

\$7 million set-aside to address sexual assault. The Public Health Service Act of 2010 included a guaranteed \$7 million minimum set-aside to support direct services to victims of sexual assault and to prevent rape.

Preserve the set-aside. President Obama's FY 2017 budget proposed elimination of the PHHSBG, but Congress preserved the block grant guaranteeing at least \$7 million to respond to rape.

"This funding is critical to sexual assault victims in Louisiana. 100% is used for direct services. Our community programs receive no state dollars so this is a crucial source for services to traumatized women and children." Racheal Hebert, President, Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault

States and communities rely on the set-aside to fund sexual assault services and prevention work:

- In California, the funds support assistance to 63 rape crisis centers to increase their capacity to prevent sexual violence.
- In Illinois, the funds support a 24/7 hotline for victims.
- 4,975 legal and medical advocacy services were provided with PHHSBG funds in Kentucky.

"The Rape Set-Aside component of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant is the foundation of rape crisis and rape prevention in our state. First awarded to all states and the District of Columbia in 1981, the funds continue to connect rape survivors with support and treatment for the most devastating crime short of murder. The funds reach into all geographical areas of the state of Illinois providing crisis intervention and education services." Polly Poskin, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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