



National Alliance to
End Sexual Violence

Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS), Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-Sexual Assault (SA) Funding

Historic Investment for Sexual Assault Programs

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law to support America's recovery from the health and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the passage of this bill, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Program under OFVPS received an investment of **\$198 million** to distribute through states, territories, and tribes to support sexual assault survivors impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency through September, 2025.

In a **2020 survey** of more than 600 sexual assault programs, **89% of programs reported needing emergency funding** to respond to requests from survivors for support and **40% had experienced increased demand for services**.

OFVPSA FVPSA ARPA SA funding is making a difference

Since funding began, rape crisis centers are:

- Hiring much needed staff
- Supporting basic needs of survivors: clothing, food, hygiene products, relocation, lock changes, and other security resources.
- Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on staff and survivors by increasing access to testing, vaccines, cleaning supplies, and other basic needs.
- Supporting the unique housing and shelter needs of sexual assault survivors previously nearly impossible to fund.

FVPSA ARPA SA funding has sustained services

- Pay incentives, professional development, and wellness support to retain staff.
- Upgrade/add technology to improve virtual service options, mobile advocacy, and overall increased accessibility.
- Expand culturally specific sexual assault and tribal program resources.
- Sustain sexual assault programs that may have otherwise closed due to the pandemic and other funding cuts.

Training & Technical Assistance (TTA)

NAESV proudly collaborates with partners to provide support to SA coalitions, administrators, tribal nations, and local SA programs to implement first time SA funding through the OFVPS office. Listening sessions, webinars, consultation, site visits, peer sharing, building relationships and best practices, collectively build capacity. TTA supports many new administrators and OFVPS staff brought on to implement and manage these funds.

Our TTA partners include:

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC)
Mujeres Latinas en Acción
National Organization of Asians & Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV)
National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA)
National Sexual Violence Resource Center, a division of Respect Together
Ujima, The National Center on Domestic Violence in the Black Community

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