

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE

APPLICATION AND REVIEW
SUMMARY

APPLICATION NUMBER: M10-8-037

APPLICANT: Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault

PROJECT TITLE: Statewide V.A.W.A. Conference

PROJECT FUNDS :

FUND: \$ 23,913 100.00%

PROJECT DURATION: 5 months

MATCH: \$ 0 0.00%

START DATE: 11/01/2012

TOTAL: \$ 23,913 100.00%

END DATE: 03/31/2013

Continuation of M09-8-038

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Funds are requested to help support Louisiana's 8th annual Statewide Sexual & Domestic Violence Conference. This training is aimed at staff and volunteers of sexual assault crisis centers, domestic violence programs, law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, court staff, prosecutors, therapists and counselors, college and university staff, and healthcare staff, including SANE nurses. The conference agenda is designed to train and encourage professionals in these varied but related fields to work together in order to provide the most effective and victim-centered response possible to crimes of stalking, sexual assault, dating violence, and domestic violence. Project funds will be used to provide partial and total scholarships for participants who would not otherwise be able to attend. A small amount of funds will be used to print conference materials, such as the program/agenda and speaker handouts.

RECOMMENDATION : FUND X DENY

SPECIAL CONDITIONS :

1. NO DRAWDOWN OF FUNDS (AWARD) BY LCLE UNTIL APPLICANT RESPONSE TO LCLE LETTER OF NOVEMBER 7, 2012, IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY LCLE STAFF.



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S.T.O.P. VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN FORMULA GRANT
PROGRAM

CFDA #16.588

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Project ID: **M10-8-037**

VAWA Purpose Area: **1**

1. TITLE OF PROJECT

LA's 8th Annual Sexual & Family Violence Conf

2. NEW PROJECT

CONTINUATION PROJECT OF: M - -

3. PROJECT DURATION

Total Length: **5** Months (*Not to exceed 12 Months*)

Desired Start Date: 11/1/2012

Desired End Date: 3/31/2013

4. PROJECT FUNDS

Federal Funds: \$23,913

Cash Match: \$0

In-Kind Match: \$0

Total Project: \$23,913

5A. APPLICANT AGENCY INFORMATION

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Fed Employer Tax Id: 72 - 1074547

DUNS: 07597 - 2724

CCR CAGE/NCAGE: 3TDZ8

CCR Expiration Date: 8/14/2013

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9. BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (*Please do not exceed space provided below.*)

Funds are requested to help support Louisiana's 8th Annual Statewide Sexual & Domestic Violence Conference. This training is aimed at law enforcement officers, prosecutors, court staff, staff and volunteers of sexual assault crisis centers, domestic violence programs, probation and parole officers, therapists and counselors, college and university staff, and health care staff, including SANE nurses. The conference agenda is designed to train and encourage professionals in these varied but related fields to work together in order to provide the most effective and victim-centered response possible to crimes of stalking, sexual assault, dating violence, and domestic violence. Project funds will be used to provide scholarships for participants who would not otherwise be able to attend due to a lack of training funds in the budgets of their agencies. A small amount of funds will be used to print conference materials, such as the program/agenda and speaker handouts.

Pre-award costs are requested.

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VAWA - 1

Revised JULY 2010

VAWA PURPOSE AREAS

Check the VAWA Purpose Area(s) that this project will address. You will be required to report performance on each chosen purpose area.

- 1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- 2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutions, and the courts or for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence, including the reporting of such information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
- 5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault and domestic violence, and dating violence programs; developing or improving the delivery of victim services to underserved populations; providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted; and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 6. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
- 7. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 8. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multi-disciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- 9. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
- 10. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence of assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals.
- 11. Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.
- 12. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families.
- 13. Provide for special victim assistants in law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims and law enforcement in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. (Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants)
- 14. Improving responses to police-perpetrated domestic violence. (Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program)

SECTION 800. OTHER DIRECT COSTS

Itemize each type: e.g., audit, rent (show square footage and cost per square foot), phone charges, utilities, printing, duplicating, registration fees for conferences/workshops, etc. Prorate telephone and utility bills. Show method of determining cost. Please refer to application instructions for direction.

TYPE OF OTHER DIRECT COST	METHOD OF DETERMINING COST	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	PAID WITH		
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Scholarships	average cost from 2011 conference	47.00	\$497.66	\$23,390.02	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Printing	quotes from printers	10,460.00	\$0.05	\$523.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SUBTOTAL OF OTHER DIRECT COSTS:				\$23,913.02			

F = Federal Funds
C = Cash Match
IK = In-Kind Match

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN:

A) Need for each type listed; and
Scholarships will be offered to all types of professionals wishing to attend the conference, including law enforcement officers, investigators, advocates, prosecutors, court personnel, counselors and therapists. Depending on the location of those who apply, and taking into account State of Louisiana Travel Guidelines, scholarships may include registration fees, mileage, per diem, and lodging. Applicants will be encouraged to apply together and share transportation and/or lodging as appropriate in order to maximize available scholarship funds. We anticipate providing scholarships for 48 professionals, although the actual number will be determined by the location of the scholarship applicants and whether they are able to attend with colleagues with whom they can share transportation and/or lodging.

Printing is needed to ensure that speaker handouts are provided to all conference participants. Previous attempts to provide handouts in electronic format only were not well-received by many

B) Its relationship to project.
conference participants, who prefer to follow along and take notes on the actual handouts.
Scholarships are intended to aid professionals in the criminal justice system and other agencies that work with victims of violence against women to be able to attend the conference, particularly when the agency for which they work does not have funds to send staff to trainings.

SECTION 800. OTHER DIRECT COSTS SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$23,913
CASH MATCH	\$0
IN-KIND MATCH	\$0
OTHER DIRECT COSTS TOTAL	\$23,913

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

A. PROBLEM DEFINITION

1. Identify the nature and magnitude of the specific problem existing in your particular community that needs to be addressed through this proposed project. **Document the need, not the symptoms or solutions.** Be sure to include current **valid local data or state data, if local data is not available**, to support the justification. Give the source and date of your information. State the needs of your agency and the needs of the victims in your area as related to this problem and justify the need for the proposed project.

Research both in the U.S. and internationally has shown that the fields comprising violence against women - stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault - are all areas in which professionals need specific training (Journal of Violence Against Women, 15, 1, 2009). Nancy Loving first identified the qualities of multi-disciplinary training that are most effective in addressing violence against women, and they reflect the basic qualities of community policing: collaboration, partnership, and problem solving (Police Executive Research Forum, 1982). However, in the area of violence against women, The Urban Institute has found that these collaborations are often superficial: "all too often, partnerships were in name only or simply standard, temporary working arrangements" (National Institute of Justice Research in Brief, August 2000), indicating once again a need for training to take place with all disciplines being trained together on each others' roles and the ways that true collaborations benefit all parties, particularly victims and survivors.

While multi-disciplinary, collaborative approaches involving representatives from all fields that will be working with the victim have been found to be ideal (Practice Nurse, 38, 3, 2009; Journal of Criminal Justice, 36, 3, 2008), very little opportunity exists for these professionals to be trained together and therefore have a more complete understanding of one another's roles, mandates, and ethics (Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 25, 2, 2010). In Louisiana, as elsewhere, very little training is available on violence against women at all; almost no such training is required, and when it is offered, it is generally aimed at one profession, rather than being offered to the breadth of professionals that comprise a truly multi-disciplinary approach.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women's 2010 Report to Congress on the STOP Program: "As communities have developed coordinated response (CCR) initiatives, the need for quality training and cross-training has become evident...As first responders, law enforcement officers play a critical role in keeping the victim/survivor safe and ensuring offender accountability. As a result of CCR efforts, training, and the development of pro-arrest or mandatory arrest policies, there has been profound and widespread change in the law enforcement response to violence against women. Ongoing training for law enforcement is essential, as officers retire and are replaced with new officers, and as best practices develop and change over time...(H)ealth and mental health professionals...become involved in the lives of victims/survivors at critical times; therefore, it is important that they understand the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault to enable them to provide appropriate support and referral to other services. Training also demonstrates to these professionals how certain actions can be harmful to victims/survivors (e.g., engaging in marriage counseling with a controlling batterer and a victim, blaming the victim/survivor for her injuries, or recommending that the victim/survivor leave the batterer without understanding the dangers that presents). These professionals may not be aware of or recognize the tactics of intimidation and manipulation employed by batterers or the increased danger victims/survivors may face when attempting to leave or when newly separated from their abusive partners (Fleury, Sullivan, & Bybee, 2000). Medical personnel who have not received specialized training may inadvertently retraumatize rape victims. Training health care providers in screening for and identifying domestic violence among their patients is a critical step in improving safety for victims/survivors.

2. Describe gap in community resources and how the gap was identified. Explain what need is created by this gap in services/programs.

Throughout the state of Louisiana there is a dearth of training on the crimes of stalking, dating violence, domestic violence and sexual assault. When training is provided it is usually aimed at only one professional group - for example, social workers or SANE nurses - and does not take into account the critically important role of collaboration among and between the various members of the criminal justice system and the social services/support system for victims of these crimes. There are very few requirements mandating that the various professionals be trained on these crimes and their impact on victims; given the economic climate, this often means that law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, and advocates do not receive any information, support, or training at all before they interact with victims or work on these cases. This can lead to both re-traumatizing of the victim and a less than ideal response to the case, particularly if lack of training and supervision/support has led one or more professional to have a negative interaction with the victim that causes her to be unwilling to cooperate with further investigation or prosecution. This conference aims to help alleviate that lack of training, and also to provide an environment in which professionals and meet, network, and brainstorm ways that they can work together more collaboratively on cases involving violence against women.

B. GOALS

GOALS: The primary mission of all projects is to have a positive impact on the victims, not just to accumulate statistics on how many are served. Based on the problem identified, BRIEFLY state what the project hopes to accomplish. Do this by providing a clear statement of the effect this project will have on the problem.

The goal of this project is to provide training to service providers, officers, prosecutors, and other professionals who respond to cases of stalking, sexual assault, dating violence, and/or domestic violence.

C. OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES: Provide at least TWO (2) measurable objectives for EACH goal. Objectives need to be measurable, observable aspects of the program. Identify who, what will change and by how much. Use absolute numbers, not percentages and be sure to include a baseline number.

1. A minimum of 200 professionals will be trained at the conference, including advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, nurses, and corrections/probation & parole officers.
2. A minimum of 47 professionals who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference will be supported in their attendance via partial or full scholarships.

D-2. TRAINING PROJECTS

Complete this page in lieu of Section D – Activities/Methods. This page is to be completed only if this application is for the training of individuals involved in the criminal justice system. DO NOT use this for in-house training.

1. Training Curriculum (topics to be included):

The specific training curriculum is currently being finalized by the conference planning committee. The committee seeks to ensure that the topics of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault are all well-represented on the agenda. In addition, plenary sessions will be relevant to any type of professional who might attend, while breakout sessions will provide more depth on topics of interest to specific audience subgroups - for example, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, or health care providers.

As the training agenda is finalized, it will be submitted to LCLE for approval.

2. Type of personnel to be trained:

Law enforcement officers, prosecutors, SANE nurses, advocates, counselors, social workers, probation & parole/corrections officers, investigators from Adult/Elderly Protective Services

3. Number of personnel to be trained: 200

4. Geographical locations of trainees (who will be invited):

Statewide

5. Dates and hours of training: Nov, 27-29, 2012; 15.25 CEU hours

6. Location of training: Baton Rouge Marriott

7. Explanation supporting the effectiveness of the training program including how the program will meet the identified need.

No other multi-disciplinary training on all four crime areas covered by the Violence Against Women Act - domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and dating violence - is available in the state of Louisiana. This conference offers continuing education hours for all the relevant/invited professions and is designed to bring professionals in contact with others in their fields as well as colleagues from related fields, to increase the likelihood of future collaboration on VAW cases.

I. EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION OF REPORTING

A COPY OF YOUR EVALUATION FORMS USED FOR THIS PROJECT MUST BE INCLUDED.

1. From who will the data be collected – what is the source?

Conference participants will be asked to complete session evaluation forms at the end of each session, including both plenary and breakout sessions. Participants will also be asked to complete an overall conference evaluation, including suggestions for future topics, speakers, or logistical changes.

2. When will the data be collected?

Before the conference (number and type of professionals attending) and during/after the conference (evaluation of conference overall and specific sessions)

3. Who will collect and analyze the data?

Data will be collected by a member of the conference planning committee and forwarded to the full committee for analysis.

4. Who will be responsible for submitting the data for the VAWA Annual Report: State name and contact information.

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5. Following evaluation, who and how will updating or revising of the project's strategy be accomplished?

Data from the conference evaluations will be sent to members of the conference planning committee in advance of a full committee meeting. At the committee meeting, members of the planning team will assess both from their own experiences and those reflected in participant evaluations what aspects of the conference went well, what aspects may need revising, and how to proceed for the following year.

In addition to LCLE, the results of conference overall evaluation will be shared with LaFASA's Board of Directors, as well as Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and other co-sponsoring agencies. Specific evaluation of each speaker will be shared with that person. Aggregate information about evaluation of each session will be provided to all co-sponsoring agencies.

6. Name the recipients who will receive the project's results and the schedule of reporting (i.e. monthly, quarterly, yearly). Recipients MUST state the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement will receive Quarterly Progress Reports and expenditure reports quarterly/monthly as specified at award time. Recipients should also include, if applicable, board of directors, applicant agency (if different from implementing agency), courts with jurisdiction, etc.

We will submit Quarterly Progress Reports and expenditure reports to LCLE according to the schedule set forth at the time of the award.

Conference evaluation data will be provided to the co-sponsoring agencies of the conference, which include:

Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault; Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General; Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Division of Adult Probation & Parole; Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services; Louisiana Supreme Court Protective Order Registry; Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovations; Louisiana Counseling Association; National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana chapter; Elderly Crime Victim Assistance Program; University of Louisiana at Monroe; Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office; Forensic Nurse Examiners; International Association of Forensic Nurses, Louisiana chapter.

J. CONTINUATION

Yes No Do you plan to continue this project at the conclusion of federal support?
Since continued STOP funding is limited and not assured, alternate funding sources should be sought. Name the sources and potential sources of continued funding for this project at the conclusion of Federal support.

We will continue to seek various sources of funding for the Statewide Conference on Sexual & Domestic Violence, including federal grants, state grants, and private funding sources.

K. RESOURCES

Describe the facilities and additional resources available to this project. Include the physical facility where services are provided. If applicable, list other resources available to this project, i.e. equipment, supplies, staff, etc.

The conference is being planned by all members of LaFASA's staff, with assistance from LCADV staff and LaFASA Board members, as well as the Conference Planning Committee, which includes representatives from most of our co-sponsoring agencies and all of the disciplines who comprise the target audience.

The conference itself will be held at the Baton Rouge Marriott.

L. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

All applications **must** check one:

This organization/agency expends \$500,000 or more in federal funds (during the fiscal year of the organization/agency from any and all sources including the amount of this application) **AND MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

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| 1. | Date of last audit | 10/31/2011 |
| 2. | Dates covered by last audit: | 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011 |
| 3. | Date of next audit: | 2012 |
| 4. | Dates to be covered by next audit: | 7/1/2011-6/30/2012 |
| 5. | Date next audit will be forwarded to LCLE: | 2013 |

This organization/agency expends less than \$500,000 in federal funds from all sources during the fiscal year of the organization/agency.

M. VOLUNTEERS

Yes No

Are you using volunteers as match?

If yes, describe the duties and functions to be performed by the volunteers. Indicate the number of volunteer hours per duty-function for this application (this can be an estimate). If volunteers are used as match, their duties must directly relate to the focus of this project and information stated in Section 100 Personnel.

Yes No

Are volunteers screened in compliance with the Louisiana Child Protection Act (LRS 15:587.1) as appropriate?

We are not using volunteers as match on this project. However all volunteers used by LaFASA are screened as required by state law.

N. CONSULTATION

Law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, probation and parole agencies and victim services providers must consult with each other. Briefly describe the process used to consult, coordinate, and collaborate with each agency. Attach original current letters of support and/or written cooperative agreements indicating awareness and cooperation/role with this project.

Our conference planning committee includes representatives from all of the fields the conference is designed to train. Co-sponsoring agencies are listed in the brochure with their logos and agency names and include all the relevant fields/professionals. The conference agenda also includes representatives from all of the fields we are seeking to train.