

North Dakota  
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Program  
2017-2020 Implementation Plan

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# I. Introduction

The “Services\* Training\* Officers\* Prosecutors” (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Formula Grant Program) is authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation. This program supports communities, including American Indian tribes, in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) implements VAWA, which authorizes the STOP Formula Grant Program.

The North Dakota (ND) STOP Implementation plan covers the federal fiscal years of 2017-2020. The plan builds on new and current long and short-term projects to continue developing strong statewide infrastructures and partnerships with and among agencies responding to the needs of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking victims. The plan provides a detailed overview of the agency managing the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Program Grant (STOP grant) in North Dakota; a description of the way the plan was developed with participating agencies or organizations in North Dakota that respond to domestic and sexual violence, stalking and dating violence; data reflecting the number of victims affected by violent crimes in ND and the challenges facing professionals responding to such crimes; the changing landscape of ND’s population; the identified goals to be accomplished by funding specific projects and programs; descriptions of the grant-making strategies for awarding STOP funds; and how underserved victims will be served.

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is the designated agency to administer the STOP grant. The NDDoH is committed to promoting the prevention and intervention of both intentional and unintentional injuries in North Dakota. The grant is managed

through the Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis (DV/RC) Program located in the Division of Injury Prevention and Control in the Community Health Section.

The mission of the NDDoH is to protect and enhance the health and safety of all North Dakotans and the environment in which we live. The purpose of the Community Health Section (CHS), within the NDDoH, is to support individuals, families and communities by providing quality programs that protect and enhance the health and safety of all North Dakotans. To accomplish this purpose, the CHS staff advocates for healthy behaviors; provide education, resources and services; facilitate systems change and implementation of effective policies; and engage in statewide partnerships. The Division of Injury Prevention and Control is dedicated to reducing the frequency and severity of intentional and unintentional injuries to North Dakotans through policy development, data surveillance, public awareness, professional trainings, funding, advocacy and partnerships.

The overall goal of the Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program is to reduce domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes in North Dakota by:

- funding projects specifically addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking including supervised visitation and exchange services;
- supporting coordinated community response to strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking crimes and to develop and strengthen victim services;
- emphasizing implementation of comprehensive strategies that are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims and that hold offenders accountable for their crimes;
- supporting trauma-informed intervention measures for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking;

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- collecting and analyzing domestic violence and sexual assault data, attitude surveys, and crime statistics;
- monitoring and providing technical assistance to funded agencies;
- partnering with stakeholders to develop and implement policies, advocate, provide training and technical assistance, and evaluate projects or programs; and
- implementing primary prevention strategies using the public health approach to prevent sexual violence and intimate partner violence by promoting healthy relationships, social norms change, and bystander intervention.

The North Dakota STOP Implementation Plan for 2017-2020 was developed to address the implementation of victim-centered strategies that encourage partnerships among police, prosecutors, the judiciary, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, culturally-specific programs, underserved populations and others, to help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, and to enable communities to hold offenders accountable.

The Deputy State Health Officer of the North Dakota Department of Health reviewed and officially approved the plan on June 21, 2017.

## II. Description of Planning Process

The planning process for the state plan began with the STOP Violence Against Women Advisory Committee (STOP Advisory Committee) members who are appointed by the Governor and responsible for reviewing and approving STOP grant applications, developing the state plan and advising the STOP administrator on funding issues. The committee is multi-disciplinary with members representing the state dual domestic violence/sexual assault coalition, law enforcement, prosecutorial, domestic violence/rape crisis agencies, judicial, human services, American Indian, parole and probation, health agencies, and the tribal domestic violence/sexual assault coalition director. The STOP Advisory Committee became the STOP Implementation Plan Planning Committee.

A description of the state plan planning process was provided to the committee by the STOP Administrator at the August 2016 meeting. The advisory committee chose to schedule a planning meeting in November, with subcommittee meetings to be coordinated by the respective subcommittee chairs. The Victim Services, Prosecution, and Discretionary/Courts subcommittee meetings were held in December of 2016. The Law Enforcement subcommittee did not meet in person, but rather gathered input from police and sheriff's departments via an email survey.

Solicitation for input from law enforcement officers was done through a survey sent to 105 police and sheriff departments. Seventeen law enforcement officers responded to the survey. Input was received on the type and method of training preferred to help officers respond to and investigate domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes. Survey responses also identified desired types of equipment and specialized positions to help process these types of incidents. Due to staff resources allocated to the Dakota Access Pipeline protests, responses from law enforcement and involvement in the process were reduced.

The Prosecution subcommittee chair met in January with members of the North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association to share the current Implementation Plan's goals and objectives. He followed that meeting with an email survey to gather additional input. Results from the email survey primarily demonstrated agreement with the current goals and objectives. One responder indicated a desire for the applications to not be competitive, but rather formula-based. This will be placed on the agenda for the next STOP Advisory Committee meeting in August 2017.

In addition to gathering input from the various subcommittees, input was solicited from the following groups who are not members of the STOP Advisory Committee:

- domestic violence/rape crisis (DV/RC) agencies (via email) (See Appendix A: CAWS North Dakota Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DV/SA) Service Providers and Appendix B: DV/SA Service Providers map)
- supervised visitation and exchange centers (via in-person meeting),
- members of First Nations Women's Alliance (the tribal domestic violence/sexual assault coalition) (via in-person meeting),
- state and federally recognized tribes (via email), and
- the LGBTQ Advisory Committee (via conference call).

North Dakota has eight supervised visitation and exchange centers located throughout the state. Six of the centers are located within DV/RC agencies and two are located in other nonprofit agencies. One of the centers is located on a tribal reservation. The supervised visitation and exchange centers are supported with state and federal funds including the STOP grant. Input from these centers was received through a facilitated discussion led by the STOP administrator in March 2017 to allow input and feedback regarding STOP funding. Issues identified were related to scheduling, a desire for more space, increased funding for staff, and security for staff.

The STOP administrator and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) administrator attended a meeting of the First Nations Women's Alliance (FNWA) in January of 2017. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss sub-grants that tribal agencies are eligible to receive from the NDDoH, including STOP, Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), FVPSA and general funds. Barriers related to grant administration were identified and discussed, with a goal of increasing communication between the NDDoH and the tribal agencies. The executive director of FNWA is a member of the STOP Advisory Committee and provides valuable feedback throughout the year.

The North Dakota STOP Implementation Plan draft will be sent via email to all federally-recognized tribal chairpersons in North Dakota. The STOP Administrator will request and review input, share that input with the STOP Advisory Committee, and incorporate into the final plan as appropriate.

The LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was initially formed in 2015 to improve domestic violence/sexual assault (DV/SA) services to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) community. The STOP Administrator attends the LGBTQ Advisory Committee meetings and requested that the committee provide input to the STOP Implementation Plan. The goal of the committee is to improve domestic violence and sexual assault response from victim services program, law enforcement and prosecution to victims in the LGBTQ community. The Chair of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee (along with the STOP Administrator, the FVPSA Administrator and the Executive Director of CAWS North Dakota) met with local DV/RC agencies to discuss potential future collaboration between the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee and local agencies. One outcome identified was the need to incorporate an introduction session ("LGBTQ 101") into training conducted by CAWS North Dakota for law

enforcement officers.

The draft plan was sent to the North Dakota STOP Violence Against Women Advisory Committee (STOP Advisory Committee) with guidance to review the plan and provide input prior to grant submission. Recommendations received will be incorporated into the final document. The individuals who reviewed the plan were requested to complete and submit a document of collaboration provided by the STOP administrator. The document indicated their involvement in participating and providing input into the state plan. (See Appendix C: STOP Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Membership; See Appendix D: Signed copies of the collaboration documents submitted to NDDoH)

The majority of the draft plan reviewers recommended continued funding current projects and programs. One of the main areas of concern regarding the implementation of the STOP program is the reluctance of tribal agencies to apply for funds. The executive director of First Nations Women's Alliance is an active member of the STOP Advisory Committee, including the Victim Services subcommittee and the Discretionary/Courts subcommittee.

The writing of this plan was completed in coordination with the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) program, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program and the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) program by involvement of those grant administrators in the STOP Advisory Committee. The FVPSA Administrator also administers the RPE grant. The FVPSA/RPE and VOCA administrators are both members of the STOP Advisory Committee who reviewed the plan and provided input prior to submission to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Coordinating the STOP plan with the FVPSA/RPE and VOCA grants allowed for additional support and discussions about potential collaboration opportunities for all programs. Because of the changes in the Violence Against Women Act 2013, STOP funds can

now be used to support RPE grant efforts on primary prevention of sexual assault. The RPE/FVPSA administrator is located within the Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program at the NDDoH. The STOP Administrator and the FVPSA/RPE administrator work very closely together. In addition, CAWS North Dakota (the state DV/SA coalition) began a facilitated process during the summer of 2016 to coordinate all state programs that provide funding for domestic violence and sexual assault as well as representatives from funded agencies to develop a statewide vision for funding and services to crime victims. The vision of equal access to survivor-driven services for crime victims was developed, with two workgroups established: 1) Advocacy Standards and Coordination Workgroup and 2) Sheltering Best Practices Workgroup. This process continues through regular meetings (at least quarterly) of the steering committee and the workgroups.

### **Other North Dakota Grants**

The North Dakota 2017-2020 STOP Implementation Plan will link to other Office on Violence Against Women Program funded projects. Currently the NDDoH administers the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) grant, which the STOP Administrator also administers. Under the 2016 SASP grant, eleven DV/RC agencies elected to apply for these funds to provide direct services to victims of sexual assault, with ten being successfully funded. The agencies are using the SASP funds to enhance the sexual assault services they offer with the STOP victim services funds.

The Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) grant is used in North Dakota for the primary prevention of sexual violence using the public health approach and by targeting multiple levels of the social ecology. Currently, two DV/RC agencies receive the limited amount of RPE funding to do this work within their service areas. The RPE director also established and facilitates Primary Prevention Partners. This group meets quarterly to share prevention strategies,

discuss collaboration, and leverage resources related to primary prevention. In addition, the RPE director maintains an online primary prevention toolkit and distributes a monthly email with the goal of increasing the use of evidence-based primary prevention programs.

FVPSA funding is available to all DV/RC agencies including the tribal programs. In addition, a small amount is awarded to CAWS ND for legal issues training, technical assistance, and maintenance of a statewide database. The grant also focuses on providing information through written materials and sharing resources including webinars to the DV/RC agencies on elder abuse, trauma informed services and working with the LGBTQ population. These focuses are incorporated into this plan.

STOP planning activities will occur on a regular basis at the annual STOP Advisory Committee meeting, held each August. In addition to reviewing recommendations from each subcommittee regarding funding of sub-awards, the committee will discuss ongoing challenges and emerging issues. The STOP Administrator will also share challenges and issues with the STOP Advisory Committee throughout the year via email.

### III. Needs and Context

At the time of the previous STOP Implementation Plan writing, North Dakota had been in the national spotlight due to the increase in oil-related activity in the western part of the state. The changes had been particularly dramatic for the western counties and then also spread and impacted the rest of the state. According to a 2016 article in Reuters, “By 2014, the U.S. energy boom, supercharged by the revolution in hydraulic fracturing, or fracking had made North Dakota’s economy the fastest-growing in the nation. Its unemployment rate was lowest among states. Its gross domestic product of roughly \$50 billion that year was more than double 2002 levels.” North Dakota has since seen an economic downturn amid depressed oil and agriculture prices. The loss in revenue forced the state to reduce its biennium budget from \$6 billion in 2015-2017 to \$4.3 billion for 2017-2019. Even with the loss of revenue in the state and difficult decisions having to be made by the state legislature, the state funds dedicated to supporting domestic violence/rape crisis agencies were not decreased.

According to the United States (U.S.) Census Bureau, in 2010 ND had 672,591 people living in a large geographic area (69,000 square miles). According to the latest estimates, the 2016 North Dakota population reached an all-time high of 757,952, a 12.7 percent increase since the 2010 Census. The state’s unemployment rate in April 2017 was 2.7 percent, which is well below the national average, and North Dakota’s poverty rate was 11 percent, which is also below the national average. According to the 2016 Census, the racial and ethnic composition of North Dakota was 85.0 percent non-Hispanic White primarily of German and Norwegian decent, 5.5 percent American Indian and Alaska Native, 3.6 percent Hispanic or Latino, 1.5 percent Asian, 1.2 percent African American, .1 percent Pacific Islander, and 2.1 percent Multiracial American. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, North Dakota’s population continues to get

younger. Census data shows that although the median age of ND residents climbed to 37.3 years of age in 2008, it has since declined to 35.4 years of age.

Although many of the counties have gained new residents, North Dakota continues to have very rural and frontier counties. There are five federally-recognized Tribes and one Indian Service Area located at least partially within the State of North Dakota. These include the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes), the Spirit Lake Nation, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation, and the Trenton Indian Service Area. American Indians are North Dakota's largest minority at five percent of the state's population in 2016.

The age and gender distributions approximate the national average. Except for American Indians, the North Dakota population has a lesser percentage of minorities than in the nation as a whole. According to North Dakota Compass (<http://www.ndcompass.org>), more than one in three adults ages 65 and older had one or more disabilities. In addition, disability rates among American Indian older adults were higher than for White (non-Hispanic) older adults (51.0% compared to 33.9% in 2015). Also important to note is the median income for households headed by an older adult (older than 65 years) was \$36,971 as compared to \$40,971 (2015 dollars), the average median household income for older adults in the U.S.

According to the North Dakota Census Office, among the state's average of approximately 20,000 foreign-born residents between 2010 and 2014, 50 percent indicate that they spoke English well while 32 percent reported speaking "only English." Twenty percent indicate that they do not speak English well and only three percent indicate they do not speak English at all.

<https://www.commerce.nd.gov/uploads/8/CensusNewsletterMay2016.pdf>

## **North Dakota Data**

North Dakota has several sources of data that describe the needs of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking victims and the needs of communities. Included in this section of the plan are highlights from various data collection resources.

### **CAWS North Dakota Data**

#### **Domestic Violence Data (2016)**

- 6,089 incidents of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- 5,218 new victims (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- 14% of the new victims were disabled. Of those disabled, 9% were developmentally delayed, 38% were physically disabled and 52% suffered from mental illness.
- At least 3,702 children were directly impacted by these incidents.
- 34% of the victims were self-referred to domestic violence programs; 29% were referred by law enforcement.
- Weapons were used in at least 14% of the cases identified. Guns were used in 14% of the cases involving weapons and knives were used in 22% of the cases involving weapons.
- Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with 961 emergency protection orders.

#### **Sexual Assault Data (2016)**

- 1,098 primary victims and 290 secondary victims were served by 20 sexual assault crisis centers throughout North Dakota.
- At least 10,504 services to primary victims were provided by crisis center advocates.

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- At least 368 (33%) of primary victims were under the age of 18 years old at the time of the assault/s.
- At least 84% (920) of the cases were male assailant/female victim.
- At least 11% (125) of the cases were male assailant/male victim.
- At least 47% of adult victims contacted a sexual assault center about the crime within 2 days of the assault. 19% of adult victims contacted a sexual assault center within 3-30 days after the assault.
- 65% of the crimes were reported to law enforcement.

(See Appendix E: 2016 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in North Dakota Fact Sheets)

### **Law Enforcement Data**

- For the period 1996-2015, 48 percent of deaths due to homicide involved domestic violence.
- There were nine homicides in 2015 resulting from domestic violence incidents.
- In 2015, there were 287 forcible rapes reported to local law enforcement in North Dakota. This is an increase of 18 percent from the 2012 total of 243.
- In 2016, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center's hotline received 66 calls from North Dakota.

<https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/sites/ag/files/documents/2015-HomicideReport.pdf>

<https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/sites/ag/files/documents/2015-CrimeReport.pdf>

### **Legislation**

The 2015 and 2017 ND Legislature completed their biennial sessions prior to the submission of the 2017-2020 ND STOP Implementation Plan. CAWS North Dakota completed a 2015 and 2017 CAWS North Dakota Legislative Report. Highlights included:

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- \$250,000 (2015) and \$150,000 (2017) for enhancing the quality and quantity of sexual assault nurse examiner services available to victims of sexual assault
- \$1,250,000 (2015) and \$825,000 (2017) for treatment and support services for victims of human trafficking
- \$625,000 (2015) to be allocated to support the costs to build five shelters in North Dakota
- \$300,000 (2017) to be allocated to domestic violence offender treatment programs
- Amended N.D.C.C.12.1-17-13 in order to prohibit the court from ordering an offender to attend an anger management class or individual counseling if a domestic violence offender treatment program is reasonably available to the defendant. (2015)
- Created a new section that allows for a physician or health care provider to provide emergency medical care or forensic examination services to a minor who is a victim of sexual assault without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. N.D.C.C. 14-10-17.1 (2015)
- Amended N.D.C.C. 43-17-41 to create an exception for a physicians' duty to report a physical injury in cases of a sexual offense, as defined in N.D.C.C. 12.1-20 so that the individual's name, address, and any other identifying information doesn't need to be stated in the report to law enforcement when the individual's physical injury resulted from a sexual offense. This information can only be included in the report with the individual's written release. (2015)
- Added the unauthorized tracking of an individual's location or movement through a global positioning system (GPS) or other electronic device to the definition of "stalk." These electronic means include anything that causes a reasonable person to become frightened, intimidated, or harassed without a legitimate purpose 12.1-17-07.1. (2015)

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- Clarified in statute that law enforcement may dictate the manner, time and place for retrieval of firearms and that if the firearm or other dangerous weapon is not surrendered, the law enforcement officer may arrest the respondent pursuant to section 14 -07.1 -11 and take possession of the firearm or other dangerous weapon. (2017)
- Amended the section of the statute (14-07.1-18) in order to make the address, telephone number, and other identifying information of a shelter exempt records under section 44 - 04 - 17.1 (2017)
- Created a new section outlining the process for obtaining a sexual assault restraining order 12.1-31-01.2 (2017)
- Amended the section of the current state statute related to level of offense for sexual assault by eliminating the lowest level offense on the first offense from a class B misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor 12.1-20-07 (2017)

<http://www.cawsnorthdakota.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/CAWS-North-Dakota-Legislative-Report-2015-FINAL.pdf>

(See Appendix F: 2017 CAWS ND Legislative Grid)

## IV. Plan Priorities and Approaches

### A. Identified Goals

North Dakota has a long list of needs and as with many other states, a lack of sufficient money to address the concerns. The STOP Advisory Committee will need to prioritize the importance of each grant application whether an agency is requesting funds to continue their project or program and/or want to offer new services. The lack of affordable housing, high transportation costs and increased crimes are issues the NDDoH is not able nor responsible for solving. Other concerns brought forward such as judges' decisions and low prosecution rates are deep-seeded issues that will take time to find resolutions and cannot be fully responded to in this plan.

The 2017-2020 ND Implementation Plan will focus on retaining core services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking with the victim services funds; continue trainings to personnel responding to victims, safe visitation and exchange centers, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs, child victim advocates, culturally-specific programs, and batterer's treatment programs; and fund specialized units in the criminal justice system. The plan will support new projects and programs to increase support to underserved populations including American Indians, LGBTQ, immigrant, disabled and elderly. STOP funds will not be used to support the Crystal Judson statutory purpose. The STOP Advisory Committee will review and update the plan at their annual meeting.

The NDDoH will engage state and local agencies and organizations to determine what efforts can help improve the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Following is an initial list of collaborations the STOP Administrator will begin forming over the next three years.

1. Work with LGBT organizations, state coalitions, DV/RC agencies and law enforcement agencies to improve the response to victims from the LGBT community.
2. Collaborate with the ND Protection and Advocacy Project, the ND Department of Human Services, state coalitions, law enforcement and DV/RC agencies on how to respond and provide services to individuals with disabilities who have been physically or sexually assaulted.
3. Work with the ND Department of Human Services, state coalitions and DV/RC agencies regarding training to increase the knowledge and skills of DV/RC agencies and shelters to respond to victims suffering from behavioral health illnesses and/or addiction issues.
4. Collaborate with the law enforcement liaison from the ND Indian Affairs Commission regarding the working relationships between DV/RC agencies and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and county law enforcement and tribal law enforcement.

The STOP Administrator will continue to participate on the North Dakota Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission. The commission was created by the 2011 ND Legislative Assembly and established with the Office of Attorney General of ND under N.D.C.C. 14-04.1-20. The commission is charged with reviewing domestic violence deaths that have occurred in the state, recommending policies and protocols to prevent the incidence of domestic violence and resulting fatalities, and providing consultation and coordination for agencies involved in the prevention and investigation of domestic violence. An Assistant Attorney General and the Executive Director of CAWS ND co-chair the commission. The commission began reviewing cases in 2012 and has completed four to date. The commission met in the spring of 2016 to review the issues common to all the cases and develop recommendations for proposed

legislation, policies, and procedures in order to prevent future homicides. Overall, through the work of the Commission, several gaps have emerged as themes in the cases reviewed including the need to have more domestic violence offender treatment services available, encouraging judges to order repeat offenders to supervised probation, a gap in communication (electronically and among key partners in the case), and failure to remove firearms (under both federal and state firearms provisions). Legislative changes proposed by the Commission for the 2017 Legislative Session included revising the statute to ensure all orders related to a case (protection order, restraining order, criminal no contact orders) are entered into the statewide warrant database and national crime database to streamline the process for notification and enforcement of the orders by law enforcement and enabling legislation to establish a domestic violence court (pilot project) in one of the judicial districts.

Other recommendations made by the Commission will be reviewed by the STOP Advisory Committee who will determine which activities can be funded through the STOP grant to assist in reducing these deaths.

## **B. Priority Areas**

This section details North Dakota's plan to respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes against women. It is based on the needs identified through various data sources and input from numerous partners, sub-grantees and the STOP Advisory Committee.

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**FY 17-20 VICTIM SERVICE PLAN**

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**GOAL:** To strengthen or enhance the twenty Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis agencies by building infrastructure, improving and maintaining quality services, providing training opportunities, and networking.

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**OBJECTIVE 1:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, distribute 90% of the victim service portion of STOP funds equitably to non-tribal Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis agencies whose primary purpose meets the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) definition of service agencies.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Offer the seventeen non-tribal Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis agencies the opportunity to apply for funds to provide quality direct services including shelter to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and to children who witness domestic violence.
2. Identify and fund projects designed to provide services to children who have witnessed domestic violence, especially those residing in shelter with the victim.
3. Support projects which focus on collaborative efforts to provide direct services to victims with disabilities, victims who are elderly, victims from the LGBTQ community and victims from immigrant and refugee populations.

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**OBJECTIVE 2:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, distribute 10% of the victim service portion of STOP funds equitably to the Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis programs or projects meeting the OVW definition of culturally-specific community based organizations.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Recognized Tribal Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis agencies will be offered the opportunity to apply for funds to provide quality direct services including shelter to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and to children who witness domestic violence.
2. Support projects which focus on collaborative efforts to provide direct services to victims with disabilities, victims who are elderly, victims from the LGBTQ community and victims from immigrant and refugee populations.

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**FY 17-20 DISCRETIONARY PLAN**

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**GOAL:** Strengthen and enhance domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking services by supporting the continuation, expansion, or creation of appropriate projects.

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**OBJECTIVE 1:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, competitive funding opportunities will be provided for eligible agencies to maintain and enhance a strong statewide infrastructure of safe visitation and exchange centers.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Support safe family visitation and exchange centers that are in compliance with the *Standards for Supervised Parenting Time and Exchange Centers in North Dakota*.
2. Develop and implement Supervised Parenting Time and Exchange centers that are in compliance with the *Standards for Supervised Parenting Time and Exchange Centers in North Dakota*.
3. Support parenting components as part of the services offered by family visitation and exchange centers.

4. Support the development of protocols guiding working relationships between the courts and family visitation and exchange centers.

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**OBJECTIVE 2:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, competitive funding opportunities will be provided to appropriate agencies to enhance or strengthen existing programs addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking issues.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Support non-profit organizations that serve underserved populations to collaborate with the NDDoH, state coalitions, DV/RC agencies, law enforcement agencies and other appropriate agencies to improve the response for victims by law enforcement agencies along with creating accessible services and shelter by DV/RC agencies.
2. Support the ND Department of Correction's toll-free crisis line for inmates from three adult correctional facilities to call to report if they have been sexually assaulted or harassed and request services.
3. Support the multidisciplinary STOP Training Committee to develop and implement multidisciplinary trainings in rural areas of the state on domestic violence, sexual assault stalking.
4. Identify and fund projects designed to provide services to children who have witnessed domestic violence, especially those residing in shelter with the victim.
5. Support agencies providing trauma-informed trainings to professionals providing services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
6. Support direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence on campus.

7. Support funding to a local domestic violence/rape crisis program or other appropriate agency with expertise in elder abuse to pilot a project to assess the needs of elderly victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes; assess the working relationships between adult protective services and advocates, law enforcement officers and state's attorneys; coordinate and provide training to the aforementioned professionals to improve collaborative responses to older victims of abuse.
8. Support use of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services, language interpretation and translation services, or the purchase of adaptive equipment to ensure individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals and persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful and full access to programs. Grant funds may be used by agencies to create websites, videos and other materials must ensure that they are accessible to persons with disabilities.
9. Support training to increase the knowledge and skills of DV/RC advocates and shelter staff on how to work with and refer victims with mental health illness and/or substance abuse.
10. Support batterer's treatment programs if such programs can establish they are a part of a graduated range of sanctions used by judges to hold abusers accountable for their criminal actions and for changing their behavior. The treatment programs shall either be in compliance or in the process of working towards compliance with the *ND Adult Batterer's Treatment Standards*.
11. Support appropriate projects to enhance services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.
12. Support primary prevention projects to prevent first time victimization and perpetration of intimate partner or sexual violence. Projects can include implementing evidence-based

curriculums such as Green Dot, Coaching Boys into Men, Safe Dates or Men of Strength or conducting statewide trainings to promote the use of evidence-based strategies.

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**OBJECTIVE 4:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, provide competitive funding opportunities for legal organizations to provide legal assistances to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Support legal assistance agencies to provide legal assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence related to protection orders, housing, family law, public benefits and other similar matters.

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**FY 17-20 PROSECUTION PLAN**

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**GOAL:** Strengthen and enhance the prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases.

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**OBJECTIVE 1:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, provide competitive funding opportunities to prosecutorial agencies to enhance effective prosecution and sentencing of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Continue funding or establish specialized prosecution units to prosecute domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.
2. Implement appropriate projects that will improve the prosecution of violent crimes against women including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

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**OBJECTIVE 2:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, provide competitive funding opportunities to prosecutorial agencies to assure victim advocacy is provided during the criminal justice proceedings and follow-up services.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Establish or enhance victim advocacy programs within prosecutorial agencies or in collaboration with domestic violence/rape crisis agencies.

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**OBJECTIVE 3:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, competitive funding opportunities shall be provided to support SANE programs.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Support the development, implementation, and maintenance of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs.
2. Provide funding to purchase appropriate equipment, including colposcopes and other medical equipment to use during sexual assault forensic examinations.

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**OBJECTIVE 4:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, provide competitive funding opportunities for prosecutorial agencies to receive training on sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence issues.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Support the multidisciplinary STOP Training Committee in developing and implementing multidisciplinary trainings in rural areas of the state on domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.
2. Support training from the Sexual Violence Justice Institute (MN) on effective Sexual Assault Response Teams.

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**FY 17-20 LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAN**

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**GOAL:** Strengthen and enhance law enforcement response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

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**OBJECTIVE 1:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, provide competitive funding opportunities to law enforcement agencies to improve the response and investigation of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Continue or establish specialized domestic violence law enforcement units to respond to and investigate domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.
2. Purchase appropriate equipment, such as camera and audio equipment, for law enforcement departments to investigate domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes against women. Also, fund the purchase of computers, printers, and software to collect data on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking investigations conducted in the local areas.
3. Implement appropriate projects to improve the law enforcement response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.
4. Support the multidisciplinary STOP Training Committee to develop and implement multidisciplinary trainings in rural areas of the state on domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.
5. Continue or establish advocates within law enforcement agencies and/or in collaboration with Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders.
6. Support training from the Sexual Violence Justice Institute (MN) on effective Sexual Assault Response Teams.

7. Support the cost of training law enforcement officers on recognition and response to human trafficking.
8. Support face-to-face or on-line training from health care providers to law enforcement officers on how to appropriately assess and transport victims to the hospital when victims have been sexually assaulted, strangled or experienced a head injury.

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**OBJECTIVE 2:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, maintain and expand a strong statewide infrastructure of safe family visitation and exchange centers.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Support safe family visitation and exchange centers that are in compliance with the *Standards for Supervised Parenting Time and Exchange Centers in North Dakota*.
2. Support additional appropriate agencies developing safe family visitation and exchange centers that are in compliance with the *Standards for Supervised Parenting Time and Exchange Centers in North Dakota*.

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**FY 17-20 COURT PLAN**

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**GOAL:** Strengthen and enhance the judicial response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

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**OBJECTIVE 1:** During federal fiscal years 2017-2020, provide funding opportunities to the judicial system to enhance the judicial response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

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**ACTIVITIES:**

1. Maintain and keep current a bench book for tribal judges on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

2. Support judges, court clerks, and other court personnel attending trainings on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking issues, such as use of interpreters, referring to safe visitation and exchange centers, removal of firearms in misdemeanors, referring offenders batterer's treatment programs rather than anger management classes and other relevant topics.
3. Implement appropriate court-related projects that will improve the judicial response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

Annually, the STOP Advisory Committee will continue to review the needs of North Dakota from both a local and statewide perspective to determine the priorities to effectively enhance and implement the goals of the state implementation plan. The successes and impact of past and currently funded projects will assist the committee in determining what projects/programs should be funded during each year.

The selected projects/programs are reviewed yearly prior to awarding of the STOP funds to requesting agencies. When reviewing the grant applications, the STOP Advisory Committee looks at the following:

- the need for the project/program within the geographical location,
- the requesting agency's ability to successfully implement the project/program,
- the effectiveness of collaborations with other agencies,
- sustainability of the project/program, and
- the project/program impact on victim safety and offender accountability within that community.

Listed below is a summary of how the funds will be distributed across victim services,

discretionary, prosecution, law enforcement, and court allocation categories. The allocations will be distributed according to the requirements set forth in the grant guidance (30% to Victim Services, of which 10% will be for culturally-specific populations; 25% for Prosecution; 25% for Law Enforcement; 5% to Courts; and 15% for Discretionary projects).

Victim Services Funds:

North Dakota has 20 dual DV/RC agencies providing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the fifty-three counties. There are four tribal nations in addition to a Service Area within the state's borders. Three tribal programs serve victims on their reservations, and victims on the fourth reservation are served by a non-tribal program in Bismarck and a tribal program with offices in South Dakota. Nine of the DV/RC agencies manage their own shelters with the other agencies using hotel/motels and occasionally safe homes to provide emergency shelter to victims. One of the shelters is located on an American Indian reservation. Another shelter is managed by a tribal program but located off the reservation.

The victim service funds are allocated through a formula based on the population of each DV/RC agency's service area and the number of sexual assault and domestic violence victims served in the previous year. Each agency also receives a base amount that is dependent on the population in their service areas. The agency with the lowest populated areas receives the higher base and the highest populated areas receive the lower base. Since 2007, ten percent of the victim services funds were removed and separately distributed to the three tribal programs using the same formula method. This allocation process for awarding the victim service funds meets the VAWA requirement of distributing ten percent of the victim service funds to culturally-specific community-based organizations. Three tribal agencies on the Fort Berthold, Turtle Mountain and

Spirit Lake reservations are considered culturally-specific organizations for the Victim Services allocation. Trenton Indian Area Service had provided services in the past and will be providing services again beginning July 1, 2017.

Discretionary Funds:

Discretionary funding shall continue to support many of the projects as in the past state plan, such as supporting SANE programs, multidisciplinary trainings, supervised visitation and exchange centers and other projects. In the past few grant cycles new projects were funded to address the needs of the LGBTQ community, trauma-informed trainings, a pilot project on elder abuse, increased access to services to individuals with disabilities, deaf individuals and persons with limited English Proficiency.

Prosecution Funds:

The prosecution funds will be used to support current and new special domestic violence prosecution units, victim witness advocates, trainings, and SANE programs. Members of the STOP Advisory Committee representing state's attorneys feel there is value in funding the SANE programs to ensure proper collection of evidence to prosecute sexual assault cases. The committee gives priority to appropriate project/program requests from prosecution agencies.

Law Enforcement Funds:

The law enforcement funds will be used to continue supporting current specialized law enforcement investigators and developing new units. Equipment for investigation of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes will continue to be funded, as will trainings for officers. Trainings of officers on responding to and investigating these violent crimes are important to the committee. Law enforcement funds to support the safe family visitation and exchange centers will continue as these centers provide increased safety to victims

and reduce this burden on law enforcement agencies. The committee gives priority to appropriate project/program requests from law enforcement agencies.

Court Funds:

The court funds will continue to support specialized court projects responding to victims of interpersonal violence, materials to assist judges in court proceedings, trainings and other appropriate projects to improve the judicial response to victims of violence. The change in the 2013 VAWA allowing only court funds to be granted courts continues to present some difficulties in awarding the funds. The STOP Advisory Committee and STOP administrator will discuss possible projects with the ND Supreme Court administrator who is a member of the committee.

The required letters have been received from a state's attorney, police department, DV/RC agency and the ND Supreme Court describing the needs for the grant funds, how the funds will be used, anticipated outcomes, and demographic characteristics within their service areas for STOP funds. (See Appendix G: Letters of Need)

For the 2015 and 2016 reporting years, North Dakota met the 20 percent sexual assault set-aside requirement as evidenced by retroactive review by the STOP Administrator of grant funds spent. A spreadsheet was developed that incorporates the amounts reported spent on sexual assault services (victim services, law enforcement and prosecution) by the sub-grantees on their annual report. Sub-contracts funded with the Discretionary allocation as well as Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) activities were removed. Funding is calculated for SANE projects from the Prosecution allocation. In 2015, 24 percent of the funds allocated were to address sexual assault, and in 2016, 22 percent of the funds allocated were to address sexual assault. The funds were primarily from the Victim Services and Prosecution allocations.

### **C. Grant-Making Strategy**

It is important to the STOP Advisory Committee that Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are solicited from all regions of the state including the tribal nations. Since 1995, the STOP funds have been awarded to several DV/RC agencies on American Indian reservations both through the non-competitive victim service funds and the competitive funds. The STOP RFP is promoted at rural trainings held throughout the state to encourage small law enforcement and prosecution agencies to submit applications. The use of STOP funds for sexual assault services has increased with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs and Sexual Assault Response Teams being implemented in ND. In reviewing continuation and new applications, the STOP Advisory Committee is cognizant of the need to ensure STOP funds are distributed to underserved areas of the state based on the requests and in an equitable manner to provide a balance of services throughout the state.

As indicated earlier the STOP administrator collaborates with the STOP Advisory Committee to develop the goals, objectives and activities for the ND STOP Implementation Plan. The activities section of the plan is included in the STOP RFP. The committee provides input each year to the administrator on potential improvements to the RFP. The discretionary, law enforcement, prosecution, and court funds are distributed on a competitive basis. As previously described, the victim service funds are distributed using a formula which is based population and the amount of DV/SA services. The state does not plan to use pass-through administration for any of the categories of subgrants.

Postal or email notices of the available STOP RFP are released statewide to city and county law enforcement agencies, city and county state's attorneys, DV/RC agencies, campus police, victim witness programs, hospital emergency department managers, district courts, tribal

agencies, and other appropriate agencies addressing violence against women. Agencies submitting the application must include an original signed copy of the Certification of Consultation form indicating the applicant agency consulted their DV/RC agency regarding their proposed activities promote the safety, confidentiality and economic independence of victims. The STOP applications are received and reviewed by the STOP administrator for eligibility and completeness. The STOP administrator works with applicant agencies to submit additional information or revise their application prior to review by the subcommittees. Applications, budgets, reimbursement requests, and progress reports are now submitted through a web-based program. (See Appendix H: STOP Certification of Consultation Instructions and Form)

The STOP Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing and awarding the competitive funds. The committee is divided into three subcommittees: discretionary/courts, prosecution, and law enforcement, in addition to the victim services subcommittee that reviews the non-competitive victim services applications. The appropriate subcommittee reviews applications.

- The Law Enforcement Subcommittee reviews law enforcement applications.
- The Prosecution Subcommittee reviews prosecution applications.
- The Discretionary Subcommittee reviews applications that cannot be supported with law enforcement, court, or prosecution funds. This subcommittee also reviews the court applications.
- The appropriate subcommittees review multidisciplinary applications.

The subcommittees evaluate applications using the Grant Review Form, Grant Distribution Guidelines, past success of the project, sustainability of the project, need or continued need for the project, and duplication of services within the service area covered in the

application. The STOP administrator and an assistant to the chairperson of the STOP Advisory Committee act as advisors to the subcommittees and are nonvoting members. The advisors gather additional information at the request of the subcommittee chairpersons prior to the full committee reviewing and awarding the funds. The full STOP Advisory Committee reviews the recommendations of the subcommittees and makes the final funding awards to applicant agencies.

The CAWS ND executive director, VOCA and FVPSA administrators, review the applications from the DV/RC agencies for the victim service funds. The STOP Advisory Committee reviews the victim service allocations and approves them at their annual meeting.

Listed below is the STOP grant cycle timeline:

- The STOP RFP is released in May each year.
- The STOP Advisory Committee annually awards the funds in August.
- The yearly contract cycle is October 1 – September 30.
- The reporting Period is: January 1 – December 31, with reports due February 1 each year.

At this time, all STOP sub-grant projects will be funded on a single-year basis.

#### **D. Addressing the Needs of Underserved Victims**

The primary underserved population in the State of North Dakota is comprised of American Indians residing on four reservation communities encompassing four separate tribal nations: the Standing Rock Sioux; the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nations; the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; and the Spirit Lake Sioux. The Trenton Indian Service Area is located in Northwest ND. Three of the domestic violence/rape crisis agencies are located on reservations: The Three Affiliated Tribes Victim Services located on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, the Spirit

Lake Victim Assistance Program located on the Spirit Lake Reservation, and Hearts of Hope located on the Turtle Mountain Reservation. The Standing Rock Indian Reservation receives services from the DV/RC agency in Bismarck located approximately 75 miles to the north and via rural outreach advocates the have an outreach office on the reservation. The agencies collaborate with nearby domestic violence/rape crisis agencies and FNWA to coordinate additional services, such as housing in shelters, safe visitation and exchange centers, and other services unavailable on the reservations. Ten percent of the victim service funds are distributed to the three tribal programs by a formula based on population of service area and numbers of DV/SA services to meet the VAWA requirement of distributing ten percent of the victim service funds to culturally specific community-based organizations. These funds are not competitive. The STOP Administrator will continue to work with and through the FNWA to maintain contact with their membership and determine how to best support services with the tribal DV/RC programs and their victims.

Another significant underserved population is comprised of those individuals residing in the rural areas of North Dakota. Two-thirds of North Dakota's population resides in the eastern part of the state. Thirty-six of 53 counties are considered frontier counties with fewer than six persons per square mile. The rural communities are served both by small DV/RC agencies located within the rural areas of ND and by the urban agencies providing outreach services. The outreach services may be specific office hours, meetings with other professionals, such as law enforcement, health care professionals, state's attorneys, and others, and presentations or materials to promote awareness of services available to victims.

There continues to be a growth in the immigrants and refugees populations which have resettled particularly in the urban areas of the eastern part of the state. Between 2010 and 2014,

the foreign-born population in North Dakota grew by 62.4 percent. No other state experienced anywhere near as rapid growth. In recent years in Fargo, for example, the population of Cass County has grown dramatically, changing from homogeneous to culturally diverse. Cultural differences in attitudes toward women and sexual assault and domestic violence have complicated developing services that are appropriate to and accepted by the various communities. Funding programs to assist immigrants and refugees will be continued during the next three years.

According to the ND Census Office 2015 estimate, 14.2 percent of North Dakota's population is age 65 and older. The DV/RC agencies in Fargo and Grand Forks have had federal grants in the past to specifically provide services to older victims. Currently the Bismarck agency has the Violence Against Women Act, Elder Abuse grant and has provided trainings statewide to DV/RC agencies.

The DV/RC agencies do not collect data on the sexual orientation or gender identity of victims seeking services. In the 2015 North Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey of the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who took the survey, 6.7 percent described themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual. The 2017 survey includes the question, "During the past 12 months, have you ever been the victim of teasing or name calling because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual?" The 2012 ND Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey included a state added sexual orientation question asking individuals to describe themselves as heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual. The question was answered by individuals 18 and older with 98.4% describing themselves as heterosexual, 0.5% as homosexual and 1.1% as bisexual. The question has not been included on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey since 2012.

In 2014, the FVPSA and STOP Administrators collaborated with a local DV/RC agency advocate to facilitate a discussion with representatives from the LGBT community, university staff working with gay and lesbian college students, CAWS-ND staff, and a gay military advocate to identify what problems they feel exist to prevent victims of their community to seek services. Barriers included victims not realizing that they are being abused, a history of lack of respect from law enforcement, victims being uncertain if domestic violence and rape crisis services exist, and if they would be welcomed, and lack of protection under the state laws based on a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. They provided several suggestions for DV/RC agencies to reach out and be welcoming to LGBT individuals. The small group discussed next steps on how to begin to address the issues brought forward and are committed to working with the NDDoH. One of the activities funded with the STOP grant was to provide facilitation of an LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee to improve the response for victims in the LGBTQ community from law enforcement along with creating accessible services and shelter from DV/RC agencies. The committee has identified that a great area of need is to implement changes within the culture of service providers and the broader community to be more inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQ+ individuals. A panel from the committee presented a panel discussion at the 2016 North Dakota Injury Prevention Conference that was extremely well-received.

### **PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)**

North Dakota has three adult correctional facilities and one juvenile facility. The ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (NDDOCR) has a policy in place regarding sexual assault and harassment of inmates. The NDDOCR used U.S. Department of Justice certified auditors for all facilities in the first round of audits (8/20/2013 to 8/19/2016), as well as the

second round of audits (8/20/2016 to 8/19/2019). The NDDOCR developed a memorandum of understanding with a local DV/RC to provide a toll-free crisis line for inmates from the three adult correctional facilities to call and receive services if they have been sexually assaulted or harassed. All NDDOCR facilities are in full compliance. The STOP grant was used to assist in funding the PREA audits for NDDOCR, support an advocate from a local DV/RC agency in Bismarck who provides advocacy services to the ND Prison System, and support a PREA committee in Jamestown.

## V. Conclusion

There have been many improvements to addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes in the nearly 20 years since the STOP program began in North Dakota. Although many victims have received services, there are many others who have not been reached due to their isolation on rural farmsteads; fear of the small town's response to a battered wife; limited services on reservations and in rural communities; urban areas unable to meet the needs of the large number of victims; and the overwhelming unmet needs of elderly, immigrant and special needs victims and those with behavioral health and substance abuse issues.

The STOP Advisory Committee has attempted to address the needs of victims by writing the ND STOP Implementation Plan using the Statutory Program Purposes as a guide to funding projects. The 2017 - 2020 ND STOP Implementation Plan reflects improved responses and services to victims of violence, and policy and legislative changes supported with the STOP Violence Against Women funds. The STOP Advisory Committee continues to support

development and implementation of local and statewide infrastructures to assist communities to respond to interpersonal violence through a coordinated approach.

The committee feels the process for awarding the STOP funds has been fair and impartial and will continue to use this method in the future. The committee continually seeks to improve this process through discussion at annual meetings, with their peers and funded agencies.

There has been continued collaboration among the committee members as they see the need to support projects with the available funding sources within the STOP grant. Information from the STOP administration's evaluation of the projects through site visits and desk audits will allow the STOP Advisory Committee to view the overall impact of the plan and determine future initiatives to respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes in ND communities. The committee and the NDDoH are committed to developing comprehensive strategies to address violence against women that are sensitive to needs and safety of victims and hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

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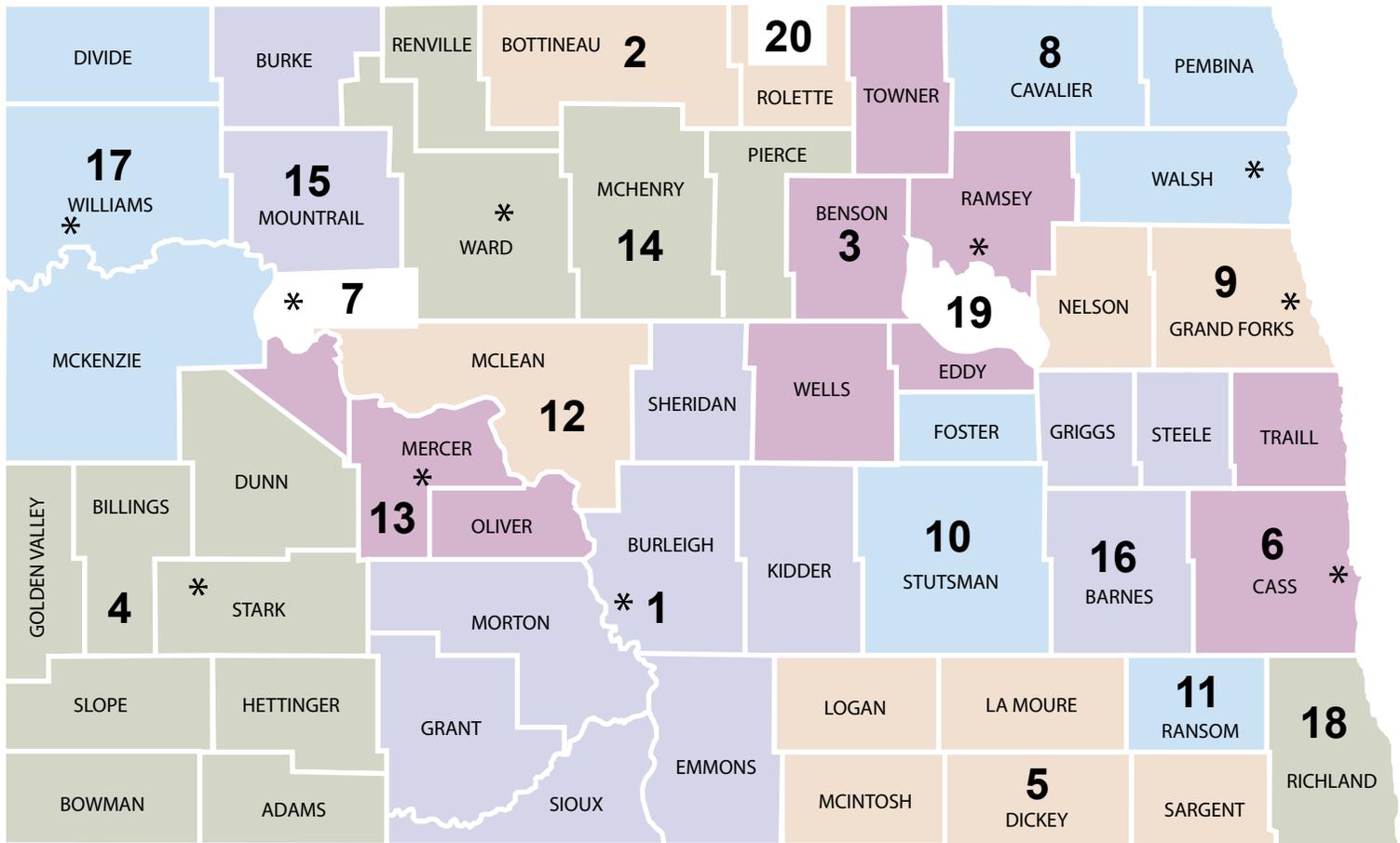
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5. Kedish House, Ellendale
6. Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, Fargo
7. TAT Victim Services, New Town\*
8. Domestic Violence & Abuse Center, Grafton\*
9. Community Violence Intervention Center, Grand Forks\*
10. Safe Shelter, Jamestown
11. Abuse Resource Network, Lisbon

12. McLean Family Resource Center, Washburn
13. Women's Action and Resource Center, Beulah\*
14. Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Minot\*
15. Domestic Violence Program of NW ND, Stanley
16. Abused Persons Outreach Center, Valley City
17. Family Crisis Shelter, Williston\*
18. Three Rivers Crisis Center, Wahpeton
19. Spirit Lake Victim Assistance, Ft. Totten
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### **STOP Advisory Committee Subcommittees:**

*(Members of the following subcommittees are designated with these initials following their name)*

VS = Victim Services  
LE = Law Enforcement  
P = Prosecution  
D/C = Discretionary/Courts

**STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program**  
**Implementation Planning Process**  
**DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION**

State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: CAWS North Dakota

Which category that best represents your agency: DV/SA State Coalition

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

Were you informed of the planning meeting on November 3, 2016?  Yes  No

Did you participate in planning meeting (please circle one):  Yes  No

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Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you offer feedback on draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan?  Yes  No

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  Yes  No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Name of committee member: Janelle Moos

  
Signature

Dated: 6-20-17

## Summary of Issues Raised

<b>Primary Needs/Issues Discussed</b>	<b>How were these addressed in the Implementation Plan?</b>	<b>If not addressed in the plan, why not?</b>
<b>LE and prosecutor feedback-enough input?</b>	Phone calls and additional outreach to LE to encourage completion of survey	
<b>How to encourage innovative projects and to outreach underserved populations</b>	References to work with DOCR (VOCA Administrator) and reformulating plan for STOP VS and FVPSA funds to shelters	
<b>How to encourage new/different applications for the prosecution funds.</b>	Integrate feedback from state's attorneys and chair of committee.	
<b>Integration of tribal feedback and work of SC committee to ensure cover sheet is included for tribal PO's for enforcement</b>	Integrate plan/outreach to tribes from SC committee and reach out to Indian Affairs Commission	

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State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: First Nations Women's Alliance

Which category that best represents your agency: Tribal domestic violence/sexual assault Coalition.

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If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Name of committee member: Sandra Bercier

Sandra Bercier  
Signature

Dated: 6/26/17

# STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program

## Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: North Dakota Highway Patrol (Major Brandon Sulberg)

Which category that best represents your agency: State Law Enforcement organization

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

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Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  Yes  No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of committee member:

Maria T. [Signature]

Signature

Dated: 6-19-2017

Due 6/23/17

# STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program

## Implementation Planning Process

### DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: Dept of Corrections

Which category that best represents your agency: State LE Organization

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

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Did you offer feedback on draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan?  Yes  No

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  Yes  No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of committee member:

Josh Stebb  
Signature

Dated: 6-20-17

## STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program

### Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Which category that best represents your agency: State Agency

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

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Did you review the draft plan?  Yes  No

Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you offer feedback on draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan?  Yes  No

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  Yes  No

If no, please explain will receive a copy of finalized plan once finalized.

Name of committee member: Mallory Sattler, Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program Coordinator

Mallory Sattler  
Signature

Dated: 6/20/17

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State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: ND Department of Human Services-Children and Family Services

Which category that best represents your agency: State Human Services Agency

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

Were you informed of the planning meeting on November 3, 2016?  Yes  No

Did you participate in planning meeting (please circle one):  Yes  No

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Did you review the draft plan?  Yes  No

Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you offer feedback on draft plan? Yes  No

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan? Yes  No

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included? Yes  No

If no, please explain will receive once all input has been accepted and final plan is complete.

Name of committee member: Tracy Miller

Signature

Dated: 6-20-17

# STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program

## Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: Fargo Police Department

Which category that best represents your agency: Law Enforcement

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

Were you informed of the planning meeting on November 3, 2016? Yes  No   
*I WAS NOT YET A COMMITTEE MEMBER. I BELIEVE I REPLACED CHIEF MIKE REITAN*

Did you participate in planning meeting (please circle one): Yes  No

If so, did you participate  In-person attendance  Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the population(s) you were representing? Yes  No  *NA SEE COMMENT ABOVE*

Did you receive a copy of the draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you review the draft plan?  Yes  No

Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan?  Yes  No

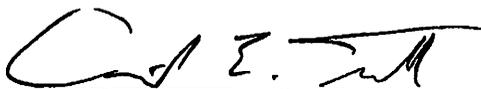
Did you offer feedback on draft plan?  Yes  No *I AM SATISFIED W/ PLAN*

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan? Yes  No  *I WILL BE RECEIVING IT SOON*

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  Yes  No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Name of committee member: DAVID E. TODD

 DAVID TODD - CHIEF OF POLICE - FARGO, ND

Signature

Dated: 06/20/17

**STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program**  
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State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: South Central Judicial District

Which category that best represents your agency: Court

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

Were you informed of the planning meeting on November 3, 2016? Yes

Did you participate in planning meeting (please circle one): Yes

If so, did you participate  In-person attendance  Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the population(s) you were representing? Yes

Did you receive a copy of the draft plan? Yes

Did you review the draft plan? Yes

Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan? Yes

Did you offer feedback on draft plan? Yes

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan? Yes

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  No

If no, please explain However, it is my understanding that I will be receiving a copy of the finalized plan.

Name of committee member: Cynthia M Feland

*Cynthia M. Feland*

Signature

Dated: 22 June 2017

# STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program

## Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: ND Attorney General's Office

Which category that best represents your agency: State Law Enforcement Org.

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

Were you informed of the planning meeting on November 3, 2016?  Yes  No

Did you participate in planning meeting (please circle one):  Yes  No

If so, did you participate  In-person attendance  Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing?  Yes  No

Did you receive a copy of the draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you review the draft plan?  Yes  No

Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you offer feedback on draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan?  Yes  No

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  Yes  No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of committee member: Troy Seikel (replaced Tom Trenbeath)

  
Signature

Dated: 6/23/17

**STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program**  
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State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: Grand Forks County State Attorney's Office

Which category that best represents your agency: Prosecution

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

Were you informed of the planning meeting on November 3, 2016? Yes  No  *I became a member after that date.*

Did you participate in planning meeting (please circle one): Yes  No

If so, did you participate \_\_\_ In-person attendance \_\_\_ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the population(s) you were representing?  Yes  No  NA

Did you receive a copy of the draft plan?  Yes  No

Did you review the draft plan?  Yes  No

Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan?  Yes  No

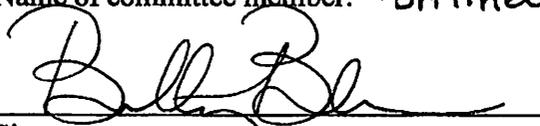
Did you offer feedback on draft plan? Yes  No

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan? Yes  No

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included?  Yes  No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of committee member: Brittney Blake

  
Signature

Dated: June 21, 2017

**STOP Violence Against Formula Grant Program**  
**Implementation Planning Process**  
**DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION**

State/Territory: North Dakota

Administering Agency: North Dakota Department of Health

Collaborating Agency: Safe Shelter

Which category that best represents your agency: Victim Services Agency

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): November 3, 2016

Were you informed of the planning meeting on November 3, 2016? Yes No

Did you participate in planning meeting (please circle one): Yes No

If so, did you participate      In-person attendance   X   Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? Yes No

Did you receive a copy of the draft plan? Yes No

Did you review the draft plan? Yes No

Do you feel the primary needs were addressed in draft plan? Yes No

Did you offer feedback on draft plan? Yes No

Did you receive a copy of the finalized plan? Yes No

Were you satisfied that the plan included any issues you may have asked be included? Yes No

If no, please explain I understand that I will receive a copy of the finalized plan before it is submitted.

Name of committee member: Lynne Tally

  
 Signature

Dated: 6/19/2017

**FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA**

**January – December 2016**

- ❑ **5,218 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ **6,089 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ At least **3,702 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- ❑ **92 women (2% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.
- ❑ **92%** of the victims were **women**.
- ❑ At least **20%** of the victims were **under the age of 25**. At least **1%** were under the **age of 18**.
- ❑ **14%** of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, **9%** were **developmentally delayed**, **38%** were **physically disabled** and **52%** **suffered from mental illness**.
- ❑ **34%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **29%** were **referred by law enforcement**.
- ❑ **Weapons** were used in at least **14%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **14%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **22%** of the cases involving weapons.
- ❑ At least **67%** of victims served were **physically abused**.
- ❑ **1,128 (22%)** of victims served were abused by a **former spouse or former partner**.
- ❑ **Alcohol use by abuser** only was indicated in **33%** of the new cases. Alcohol use by **both victim and offender** was indicated in **9%** of the cases.
- ❑ The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least **37%** of the cases.
- ❑ Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with **961 emergency protection orders**.

Domestic Violence Statistics are compiled by CAWS North Dakota  
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**Facts About Sexual Assault In North Dakota  
January – December 2016**

- ❖ **1098 primary victims** and 290 **secondary victims** were served by 20 sexual assault crisis centers throughout North Dakota.
- ❖ At least **368 (33%)** of primary victims were under the age of 18 years old at the time of the assault/s.
- ❖ At least **960 (87%)** of the **victims** were **female**.
- ❖ At least **1045 (95%)** of the **assailants** were **male**.
- ❖ At least **36 (3%)** of the **assailants** were **female**.
- ❖ **65% of the crimes were reported to law enforcement.**
- ❖ At least **47% of adult victims contacted** a sexual assault center about the crime **within 2 days** of the assault. **19% of adult victims contacted** a sexual assault center within **3-30 days** after the assault.
- ❖ At least **84% (920)** of the cases were **male assailant/female victim**.
- ❖ At least **11% (125)** of the cases were **male assailant/male victim**.
- ❖ At least **73%** of the adult assaults were **rape**, **4% attempted rape**, and **23%** were **sexual contact** other than rape or attempted rape.
- ❖ In adult cases **9%** of the **assailants were strangers**. In child cases **4%** of the **assailants were strangers**.
- ❖ In at least **41%** of all cases the **assailant was a friend/acquaintance/date** of the victim.
- ❖ At least **21%** of all cases were **incest or indicated a history of incest**. In at least **8%** of adult sexual assault cases reported, the victim also experienced **sexual abuse/incest as a child**.
- ❖ At least **10,504** services to **primary victims** were provided by crisis center advocates from January to December 2016.
- ❖ At least **38%** of the **assaults occurred in the victim's or assailant's home**.
- ❖ At least **25%** of the victims were **referred** to sexual assault service providers by **themselves, friends, or family members**.

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4/28/17

HOUSE BILLS	DESCRIPTION	HOUSE COMM	HOUSE HEARING	COMM ACTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE COMM	SENATE HEARING	COMM ACTION	SENATE ACTION	CONF COMM	GOV ACTION
<a href="#">HB 1041</a>	Reduction of sentence for good time	Judiciary Prairie  approp	1/31 9:40am	Do pass w/amend 14-0-1  Rereferred Do pass w/amend 16-4-1	Passed 86-4	Judiciary Ft Lincoln  Approp Harvest	3/15 9:00am  3/28 8:30am	Do pass 6-0-0  Do Pass w/amend 14-0-0	Passed 46-0	4/13/17 10:00am  Passed	Signed 4/21/17
<a href="#">HB 1042</a>	Offender benefits for TANF etc.	Judiciary Prairie	1/31 10:50am	Do not pass 14-0-1	Failed 1-89						
<a href="#">HB 1058</a>	Relating to registration requirements for sexual offenders.	Judiciary	1/4 10:30am	Do pass 13-0-2	Passed 93-0	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/6 10:00am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 4/11/17
<a href="#">HB 1060</a>	Relating to background checks nonprofit pays fee	Judiciary	1/4 9:50am	Do pass w/amend 13-1-1	Passed 90-0	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/7 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 42-4		Signed 4/13/17
<a href="#">HB 1085</a>	Relating to the creation of a brain injury advisory council; and to provide for application.	Human Services  Human Services	1/4 9:30am	Do pass w/amend 14-0-0  Rereferred Do pass 12-0-2	Passed 81-9	Human Services Red River	3/1 2:00pm	Do pass w/amend 6-1-0	Passed 45-0		Signed 4-17-17
<a href="#">HB 1117</a>	Relating to changes in terminology with respect to substance abuse and behavioral health.	Human Services	1/9 2:00pm	Do pass 11-1-2	Passed 82-11	Human Services Red River	2/14 9:40am	Do Pass 7-0-0	Passed 45-0		Signed 3/2/17
<a href="#">HB 1121</a>	Relating to sentencing violent offenders and the definition of administrative agencies.	Judiciary	1/10 10:30am	Do pass w/amend 15-0-0	Passed 89-2	Judiciary Ft. Lincoln	2/14 10:00am	Do not pass 6-0-0	Failed 0-45		
<a href="#">HB 1183</a>	Relating to indecent exposure toward minors; and to provide a penalty.	Judiciary	1/18 9:40am	Do pass w/amend 9-3-3	Passed 82-7	Judiciary Ft. Lincoln	3/20 9:30am	Do pass W/amend 6-0-0	Passed 46-0		4/14/17

<a href="#">HB 1190</a>	Relating to carrying concealed weapons at public gatherings.	Energy & Natural resources	1/26 8:30am	Do pass w/amend 12-0-2	Passed 81-5	Judiciary Ft. Lincoln	3/14 9:30am	Do not pass 6-0-0	Failed 5-42		
<a href="#">HB 1193</a>	Relating to prohibiting economic harm; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 12.1-31-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disorderly conduct; and to provide a penalty.	Judiciary	1/17 9:40	Do pass 9-5-1	Passed 72-19	Judiciary Ft. Lincoln	2/13 10:30am	Do Not Pass 5-1-0	Failed 1-44		
<a href="#">HB 1194</a>	Relating to providing a victim's rights card	Judiciary	1/17 10:10am	Do pass 14-0-1	Passed 88-2	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/8 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 4/17/17
<a href="#">HB 1218</a>	Relating to the offense level for sexual assault; and to provide a penalty.	Judiciary	1/23 10:50am	Do pass 13-0-2	Passed 94-0	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/7 10:00am	Do pass 6-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 3/15/17
<a href="#">HB 1222</a>	Relating to the process for seeking a sexual assault restraining order; and to provide a penalty.	Judiciary	1/23 10:30am	Do pass w/amend 13-0-2	Passed 94-0	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/13 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 46-0		Signed 4/13/17
<a href="#">HB 1235</a>	Relating to access to confidential records by the commission on legal counsel for indigents.	Judiciary	1/24 9:50am	Do pass w/amend 11-1-3	Passed 88-3	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/20 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 45-1	4/13/17 9:30am Passed	4/24/17
<a href="#">HB 1236</a>	Relating to prosecution of gross sexual imposition and sexual abuse of minors.	Judiciary Prairie	2/1 9:00	Do pass w/amend 15-0-0	Passed 90-0	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/8 10:30am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 46-0		Signed 4/13/17
<a href="#">HB 1246</a>	Relating to state employee claims of employment discrimination.	Industry Business & Labor Peace Garden	1/30 9:00	Do pass 8-5-1	Passed 65-25	Industry Business & labor Roosevelt Park	3/7 2:00pm	Do not pass 7-0-0	Failed 8-39		
<a href="#">HB 1251</a>	Relating to an inmate program to construct homes for low-income home buyers.	Industry Business & Labor	1/17 2:00pm	Do pass 12-1-1	Passed 75-16	Gov't & Veterans Affairs Sheyenne	3/2 9:15am	Do Pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 46-1		Signed 4/10/17
<a href="#">HB 1285</a>	Relating to an optional residential property tax freeze for owners who are disabled or age sixty-five or older; and to provide an effective date.	Finance & Taxation	1/18 10:00am	Do not pass 13-0-1	Failed 23-70						

<a href="#">HB 1308</a>	Relating to drug testing for temporary assistance to needy families program benefits.	Human Services	1/23 2:30pm	Do pass w/amend 10-2-2	Passed 77-12	Human Services Red River	3/13 10:00am	Do pass 4-3-0	Failed 21-25		
<a href="#">HB 1332</a>	Relating to criminal trespass; and to provide a penalty.	Judiciary	1/23 9:35am	Do not pass 12-0-3	Failed 20-74						
<a href="#">HB 1334</a>	Relating to prohibiting high-risk sexual offenders from residing near schools; and to provide a penalty.	Judiciary	1/25 9:30am	Do pass w/ amend 10-5-0	Passed 88-1	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/7 9:30am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 4/14/17
<a href="#">HB 1345</a>	Relating to open records for victims/witnesses	Judiciary Prairie	1/30 10:30	Do pass w/amend 14-0-1	Passed 91-0	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/6 9:30am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 4/11/17
<a href="#">HB 1359</a>	Relating to elderly individuals who are reported missing.	Judiciary	1/25 11:30am	Do pass w/amend 10-3-2	Passed 88-4	Human Services Red River	3/7 11:00am	Do pass 7-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 3/13/17
<a href="#">HB 1376</a>	Relating to a sales tax exemption for sales of used clothing by a thrift store of a nonprofit corporation; and to provide an effective date.	Finance & Taxation	1/23 10:00am	Do not pass 12-2-0	Failed 18-76						
<a href="#">HB 1386</a>	Relating to prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.	Human Services Ft Union	2/1 9:00am	Do not pass 12-1-1	Failed 22-69						
<a href="#">HB 1387</a>	Relating to use of closed-circuit television of a minor or disabled adult witness.	Judiciary Prairie	1/30 11:15	Do pass w/amend 15-0-0	Passed 88-0	Judiciary Ft. Lincoln	3/15 10:00am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 4/17/17
<a href="#">HB 1392</a>	Relating to the parenting rights and responsibilities; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency	Judiciary Prairie	2/7 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 15-0-0	Passed 71-21	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/8 2:00pm	Do pass w/amend 5-1-0	Passed 28-19	4/17/17 3:30pm Defeated	
<a href="#">HB 1402</a>	Relating to the surrender of firearms or other dangerous weapons pursuant to domestic violence protection orders	Judiciary Prairie	2/7 10:00am	Do pass 9-6-0	Passed 57-35	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/22 9:30am	Do pass 6-0-0	Passed 47-0		Signed 3/30/17
<a href="#">HB 1405</a>	Relating to the commission on the status of women.	Industry Business & Labor	1/24 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 14-0-0	Passed 71-18	Industry Business & Labor Roosevelt Park	3/6 11:00am	Do pass 6-0-1	Passed 42-2		Signed 3/13/17

<a href="#">HB 1427</a>	A BILL for an Act to provide for the determination of refugee absorptive capacity.	Gov't & Veterans Affairs Ft Union	2/03 8:00am	Do pass w/amend 12-2-0	Passed 86-5	Political Sub Red River	3/17 10:30am	Do not Pass 4-2-0	Passed 27-19		Signed 4/11/17
<a href="#">HCR 3003</a>	Relating to the rights of victims and criminal defendants.	Judiciary	1/17 10:30am	Do pass 14-0-1	Adopted	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	3/8 9:30am	Do pass 6-0-0	Adopted		
<b>SENATE BILLS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SENATE COMM</b>	<b>SENATE HEARING</b>	<b>COMM ACTION</b>	<b>SENATE ACTION</b>	<b>HOUSE COMM</b>	<b>HOUSE HEARING</b>	<b>COMM ACTION</b>	<b>HOUSE ACTION</b>		
<a href="#">SB 2033</a>	Relating to licensure requirements for behavioral health professionals; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.	Human Services	1/10 9:30am	Do pass w/amend 7-0-0	Passed 45-0	Human Services Ft Union	3/6 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 14-0-0	Passed 91-1		Signed 4/17/17
<a href="#">SB 2038</a>	Relating to behavioral health training	Human Services  Approp Harvest	1/4 2:30pm  1/31 10:00am	Do pass w/amend 7-0-0  Rereferred Do pass 14-0-0	Passed 46-0	Human Services Ft Union	3/6 9:15am	Do pass w/amend 14-0-0	Passed 68-23		Signed 4/7/17
<a href="#">SB 2040</a>	Relating to the scope of practice of addiction counselors.	Human Services	1/4 10:00am	Do not Pass 7-0-0	Failed 1-43						
<a href="#">SB 2043</a>	Relating to the definition of marriage and the recognition of marital relationships.	Judiciary	1/4 10:30am	Do not pass 4-2-0	Failed 15-31						
<a href="#">SB 2046</a>	Relating to the establishment of a pilot program for providing state services to juveniles adjudicated in tribal court; to provide for a report to legislative management; and to provide an expiration date.	Govt & Veterans Affairs	1/12 10:30am	Do Pass 5-0-1	Passed 45-0	Govt & Veterans Affairs Ft Union	3/2 8:30am	Do not pass 12-2-0	Failed 16-76		
<a href="#">SB 2054</a>	Relating to higher education tuition and fees waivers for law enforcement officers.	Education	1/10 9:30am	Do Pass 5-0-1	Passed 43-1	Approp Ed & Enviro Roughrider	3/14 9:00am	Do not pass 17-2-2	Failed 14-76		

<a href="#">SB 2064</a>	A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state department of health; and to declare an emergency.	Approp	1/12 8:30am 1:30am	Do not pass 14-0-0	Failed 0-45						
<a href="#">SB 2088</a>	Relating to licensed clinical addiction counselors; relating to the scope of practice for addiction counselors and the licensure authority of the board of addiction counseling examiners.	Human Services	1/4 11:00am	Do pass w/amend 7-0-0	Passed 44-0	Human Services Ft Union	3/8 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 14-0-0	Passed 90-0		Signed 4/7/17
<a href="#">SB 2098</a>	Relating to adding victim services providers to the list of persons to which juvenile court files and records are open to inspection.	Judiciary	1/9 9:30am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 45-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/6 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 14-1-0	Passed 92-0		Signed 3/29/17
<a href="#">SB 2125</a>	Relating to possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon.	Judiciary	1/9 11:00am	Do pass w/amend 6-0-0	Passed 46-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/7 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 15-0-0	Passed 92-0		Signed 3/29/17
<a href="#">SB 2143</a>	Relating to jurisdiction of law enforcement officers.			Withdrawn							
<a href="#">SB 2153</a>	Relating to emergency care for minors.	Human Services	1/17 9:00am	Do not Pass 7-0-0	Failed 0-44						
<a href="#">SB 2161</a>	Relating to domestic violence program records.	Human Services	1/17 10:00am	Do pass 7-0-0	Passed 45-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/14 10:00am	Do pass w/amend 15-0-0	Passed 91-0		Signed 4/17/17
<a href="#">SB 2163</a>	Relating to the financial exploitation of vulnerable adults	Human Services	1/17 10:30am	Do pass w/amend 7-0-0	Passed 44-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/20 9:00am	Do pass w/amend 12-1-2	Passed 90-2		Signed 4/10/17
<a href="#">SB 2170</a>	Relating to the Uniform Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Protection Orders Act; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application	Judiciary	1/16 9:00am	Do pass 6-0-0	Passed 45-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/20 9:50am	Do pass 11-3-1	Passed 85-5		Signed 3/30/17
<a href="#">SB 2189</a>	Relating to the confidentiality of children's advocacy center	Human Services	1/18 10:30am	Do pass w/amend	Passed 44-0	Human Services	3/15 9:30am	Do pass w/amend	Passed 90-2	4/13/17	Signed 4/17/17

	records			7-0-0		Ft Union		12-1-1			
<a href="#">SB 2191</a>	Relating to SANE funding	Judiciary  Approp Harvest	1/23 10:00am  1/30 10:00am	Do pass 6-0-0  Rereferred Do pass 14-0-0	Passed 46-0	Approp Roughrider	3/13 2:00pm	Do pass with amend 19-1-1	Passed 89-2		Signed 4/10/17
<a href="#">SB 2192</a>	Relating to the housing incentive fund tax credit	Industry Business & Labor  Approp	1/27 8:30am	Do pass 7-0-0  Rereferred Do not pass 14-0-0	Failed 0-45						
<a href="#">SB 2203</a>	Relating to Human Trafficking funding	Judiciary  Approp Harvest	1/23 10:30am  1/30 11:00am	Do pass 6-0-0  Rereferred Do pass w/amend 12-0-2	Passed 45-0	Judiciary Prairie  Approp	3/14 9:00am	Do pass 11-4-0  Rereferred  Do pass w/amend 20-0-1	Passed 84-6	4/13/17 10:30am  4/17/17 2:00pm  Passed	Signed 4/24/17
<a href="#">SB 2232</a>	Relating to the commitment of sexually dangerous individuals; and to provide a penalty.			Withdrawn							
<a href="#">SB 2233</a>	Relating to the offender education program.		1/30 10:00am	Do not pass 6-0-0	Failed 0-46						
<a href="#">SB 2248</a>	Relating to relinquishment and termination of parent and child relationship		2/1	Do pass 6-0-0	Passed 46-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/8 9:30am	Do pass w/amend 15-0-0	Passed 83-9		Signed 4/5/17
<a href="#">SB 2274</a>	Relating to a community behavioral health plan as a term of parole or an alternative to incarceration	Human Services  Approp Harvest	1/25 10:00am  2/9 8:30am	Do pass 7-0-0  Rereferred Do not	Failed 0-46						

				pass 14-0-0							
<a href="#">SB 2277</a>	Relating to child support obligations of incarcerated parents.	Human Services Red River	2/1 10:45am	Do pass 7-0-0	Passed 45-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/8 10:15am	Do Pass 12-3-0	Passed 53-39		Signed 3/22/17
<a href="#">SB 2279</a>	Relating to drug testing for temporary assistance to needy families program benefits.	Human Services  Approp Harvest	1/23 10:30am  1/31 11:00am	Do pass 4-3-0  Rereferred Do pass w/Amend 7-0-0	Failed 20-26						
<a href="#">SB 2281</a>	Relating to notice of motor vehicle operator's license restriction for nonpayment of child support.	Human Services	1/23 11:15am	Do pass w/amend 6-1-0	Passed 45-1	Transporta tion Ft Totten	3/3 9:00am	Do pass 8-6-0	Failed 29-63		
<a href="#">SB 2290</a>	Relating to the authority of the human trafficking commission.	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	1/31 9:00am	Do pass 6-0-0	Passed 46-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/14 9:30	Do pass w/amend 12-0-3	Passed 89-3		Signed 3/29/17
<a href="#">SB 2295</a>	Relating to the exemption of state university and college title IX records from public disclosure	Education Sheyenne	1/31 10:30am	Do pass 5-0-1	Passed 46-0	Education Coteau A	3/7 9:00am	Do pass 12-0-2	Passed 83-9		Signed 4/4/17
<a href="#">SB 2306</a>	Relating to ejection from a mobile home park and maintainable evictions.	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	2/6 9:00am	Do not pass 6-0-0	Failed 3-41						
<a href="#">SB 2309</a>	Relating to the establishment of a domestic violence court pilot project, relating to the issuance, transmittal, and registry of protection orders and orders prohibiting contact.	Judiciary Ft Lincoln	2/6 10:30am	Do pass 6-0-0	Passed 44-0	Judiciary Prairie	3/6 9:30am	Do pass 15-0-0	Passed 92-0		Signed 3/14/17
<a href="#">SCR 4001</a>	A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Management to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress.	Approp	1/25 8:30am	Do pass 14-0-0	Adopted						

Shaded bills = committee hearing is scheduled for the coming week



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June 13, 2017

Deanna Askew, Director  
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RE: Grant Application #2017-X1637-ND-WF

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the request for court funding through the STOP Violence Against Women formula grant in North Dakota. If approved, STOP grant funds would be used to maintain and keep current a bench book for tribal judges covering the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

There are five federally recognized Tribes and one Indian Service Area located at least partially within the State of North Dakota. These include the Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes), the Spirit Lake Nation, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation, and the Trenton Indian Service Area. American Indians make up 6% of the state's population and are North Dakota's largest minority group. The four tribal courts in the state are located at:

Three Affiliated Tribes – Fort Berthold, in Northwestern North Dakota  
Turtle Mountain Band – Belcourt, in North Central, North Dakota  
Spirit Lake Nation – Fort Totten, in Northeastern, North Dakota  
Standing Rock – Fort Yates, in South Central, North Dakota

In addition, funds will be used to support judge and clerk personnel attendance at trainings on the general topics of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, as well as specific topics such as use of interpreters and firearms restrictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally A. Holewa".

Sally A. Holewa  
State Court Administrator

# SAFE SHELTER

*advocacy for victims of domestic violence since 1980*

Grant application #2017-X1637-ND-WF

June 19, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

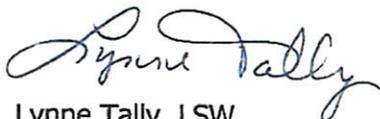
STOP VAWA funds have assisted Safe Shelter in providing a wide range of services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in our area since 1996. Our agency serves female and male victims over the age of 13 in Stutsman and Foster Counties, two fairly rural, predominantly white counties covering 2,945 square miles in southeast North Dakota. The combined population of the two counties is approximately 26,000. In 2012 the per capita income of the two counties was \$29,725 with approximately 10% of the population below the poverty line.

Our services include a 24 hour toll-free crisis line, crisis counseling, temporary emergency shelter, therapeutic support groups, systems advocacy, court advocacy, follow-up contacts, information and referral services, and public awareness and prevention education. We assist approximately 125 primary victims each year and provide a variety of services to secondary victims, as well.

This year STOP funding has allowed us to dedicate a portion of our Executive Director's salary to collaborating law enforcement and other agencies in our service area to ensure that victims who report their assaults are responded to appropriately, with respect and compassion. STOP victim service funds also paid for a portion of our two advocates' salaries for the provision of direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. STOP funding is an important piece of the funding puzzle we must put together each year in order to continue our agency's work.

Safe Shelter is only one of twenty agencies assisting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in North Dakota. Some are larger than ours, some are smaller. All have been strengthened by STOP funding over the years and all are in need of its continued support.

Sincerely,  
Safe Shelter



Lynne Tally, LSW  
Executive Director





**Fallon M. Kelly**

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June 26, 2017

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*Re : Grant Application #2017-X1637-ND-WF*

Dear Ms. Askew,

I am writing this letter to strongly support the continues funding of the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant referenced above.

*Need for the STOP Prosecution Funds:* The Ransom County State's Attorneys Office is seeing an increased number of cases of violence against women. We are located in a rural community that relies heavily on farming and ranching as well as the Bobcat Manufacturing Plant and ADM Sunflower Plant, both being large employers in the community. With these two large plants in our area, there is an influx of people coming to be closer to their job. This increase in population has added to the violent cases making a need for a Victim/Witness Advocate to assist with the victim/witnesses and we have the Abuse Resource Network (ARN).

*The intended use of the STOP Prosecution Funds:* The Ransom County State's Attorneys Office will contract with ARN, a non-profit domestic violence/sexual assault agency. ARN will provide a trained certified advocate who will advocate for victim/witnesses of violence against women. The V/W Advocate will meet with the State's Attorney on each violent crime case, assist victims through the criminal justice system, help victims understand their rights, provide victims with court dates and meeting dates with the State's Attorney, prepare victims for the court trial, assist with

victim's impact statements, accompany victims to court and assist with personal advocacy to meet victim's needs.

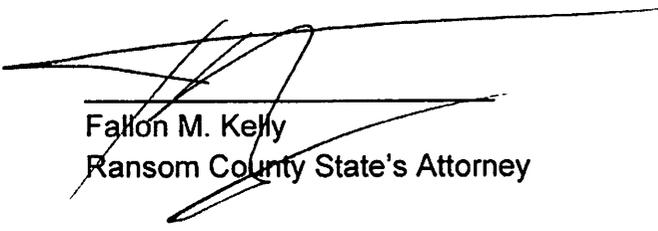
*Expected results from the use of the grant funds:* Having a Victim/Witness advocate at ARN to assist victims, it is expected that the risk of further abuse to victims will be reduced. We expect that legal protection (Protection Orders and Restraining Orders) for the abused women and their children will increase.

*Demographic characteristics of the population:* Ransom County is located in southeast North Dakota, a population of over 6,000. The Ransom County State's Attorneys Office is in Lisbon, our county seat. The Ransom County State's Attorneys Office prosecutes all the cases in the District Court System, including Domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and other violent crimes. In 2016, we had 26 victim impact statements, 42 victims and over 300 Victim Contact Hours.

Without STOP Prosecution Grant Funds, Ransom County State's Attorney could not have a Victim/Witness Advocate at ARN. The advocate is a real asset, working with violence against women victims.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Fallon M. Kelly  
Ransom County State's Attorney



(STOP) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT

June 15, 2017

RE: Grant application: # 2017-X1637-ND-WF

Dear Deanna Askew:

Domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking impact everyone; the victim the officer and the community. The City of Bismarck is not immune from the impact of these problems. We see there is a need for grant funding.

This year and in past years the Abused Adult Resource Center partnered with the Bismarck Police Department to apply for STOP Grant funding to fund a Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Advocate. This project will provide victims with comprehensive and effective coordinated community response when they report a crime of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and/or stalking to prevent homicides. The project also provides training to professionals so they can effectively identify and respond to these community problems.

Our goal is to assist victims of domestic violence to combat this community problem.

Demographics Attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Ziegler".

Deputy Chief Randy Ziegler

Dan Donlin, Chief of Police

Phone: 701-223-1212 ★ FAX: 701-355-1927 ★ Tdd: 701-221-6820 ★ 700 S. Ninth Street ★ Bismarck, ND 58504-5899



**Demographic Characteristics of Population to be served:**

**Age:**

0 to 18 16

19 to 29 259

30 to 39 140

40 to 49 91

50+ 61

**Race/Ethnicity:**

American Indian 162

Black 39

Asian 4

White 377

Hispanic 27

Non-Hispanic 566

**Relationship of victim to Suspect\***

Current or Former Spouse 62

Boy/Girlfriend 134

Other Family or Household member 14

Statistics based on domestic violence incidents were reported in 2016 to the Bismarck Police Department

\*Relationship of victim to suspect base on reported Assault it does not include reports of domestic disputes where no assault occurred.

## REQUIREMENT

### Certification of Consultation Directions

The Violence Against Women Act has the following requirement of law enforcement, prosecutorial, courts and other agencies.

**Tribal, territorial, State or local prosecution, law enforcement, and courts have consulted with tribal, territorial, State, or local victim service programs during the course of developing their grant applications in order to ensure that proposed services, activities and equipment acquisitions are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.**

It requires law enforcement, prosecutorial, courts, and other agencies to consult with the local domestic violence/rape crisis agency during the course of developing their STOP grant application in order to ensure that proposed services, activities, and equipment acquisitions are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

To meet this requirement prosecution and law enforcement agencies, courts and other agencies applying for the STOP Violence Against Women Funds must contact the domestic violence/rape crisis agency providing services within your service area to discuss the proposed project using the above listed requirement as a framework for such the discussion. If the proposed project is a statewide effort, please consult the Council on Abused Women's Services ND at 701-255-6240. The Certification of Consultation Form must be completed and submitted with the grant application.

If you are unaware of the domestic violence/rape crisis agency serving your service area contact:

Deanna Askew, Director  
Division of Injury Prevention and Control  
ND Department of Health  
Phone: 701-328-3340 or 1-800-472-2286 press #1  
E-mail: [daskew@nd.gov](mailto:daskew@nd.gov)

**Certification of Consultation**  
**STOP Funds**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Insert agency name) certifies that we have consulted and will continue to consult with \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert the domestic violence\rape crisis agency) during the course of developing our STOP grant application in order to ensure that proposed services, activities, and equipment acquisitions are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

Summary of Consultation Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Authorized Official

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Printed Name and Title of Authorized Official

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Organization Name of Applicant Agency

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Printed Name and Title of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name of local Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program

Date \_\_\_\_\_