

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

FY 2021 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act American Rescue Plan Supplemental Funding Program Instruction

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PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

TO: Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Discretionary Grantees, National Resource Centers, Special Issue Resource Centers, Culturally Specific Resource Centers, Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Children Demonstration Projects, Capacity Building Centers, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the StrongHearts Native Helpline

SUBJECT: FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Supplemental Funding

INSTRUCTION:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021\(ARP\)](#), a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill designed to speed up America’s recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the passage of this bill, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) has received an historic investment in domestic violence shelters, supportive services, tribes and tribal organizations, and culturally specific programs. For FVPSA, Section 2204 provides a total of \$200 million to remain available until expended through September 30, 2025, for the following:

- \$180 million in funding for all FVPSA grant programs, both formula and discretionary grant programs.
- \$18 million additional for FVPSA grants to tribes and tribal organizations.
- \$2 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, including allocation of funds to the StrongHearts Native Helpline.

All existing FVPSA grantees are eligible to receive additional funds to continue efforts to prepare, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

FVPSA ARP Supplemental Funding Grant Awards Allocations

The FVPSA Program determined award amounts for ARP supplemental funding using the following formula and allocation requirements authorized in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 10403(a)(2) of FVPSA.

- 70% to states for 56 grantees reaching 1,600 domestic violence programs (subaward grants);
- 10% to tribes and tribal organizations for 144 grantees, which reaches 252 tribes;
- 10% to state domestic violence coalitions for 56 grantees;
- 6% for training and technical assistance resource centers/capacity building centers;
- 1.5% for Specialized Services for Abused Parents and their Children (SSAPC); and
- 2.5% for FVPSA administration and supplemental award monitoring.

Hotline ARP Supplemental Award Allocation: The ARP authorized \$2,000,000 for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, with the special condition that 50% of the \$2,000,000 is allocated to the StrongHearts Native Helpline as a \$1,000,000 subaward.

Match Requirements

Congress appropriated ARP supplemental funds for FVPSA states, tribes, state domestic violence coalitions, and sub awardees without regard the matching requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(4). **No match is required for these supplemental grant awards or subawards.**

Project Period

The project period for all FVPSA ARP supplemental awards is March 15, 2021, through September 30, 2025.

Please note that retroactive pre-award costs that have occurred from March 15, 2021, through May 20, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency are allowed.

This allowance is in accordance with OMB memo [M21-20](#), Promoting Public Trust in the Federal Government through Effective Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act and Stewardship of the Taxpayer Resources, pre-award guidance which states: “Awarding agencies may allow necessary pre-award costs that are incurred: (i) from March 15, 2021, through the Public Health Emergency Period; and (ii) prior to the effective date of a Federal award.”

Supplemental Funds for Continuity of Domestic Violence Services and Response to COVID-19

All existing FVPSA grantees are eligible to receive additional funds to continue efforts to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19. Each grantee will receive a supplemental grant award in accordance with the funding allocation authorized in FVPSA section 42 U.S.C. § 10403(a)(2).

The purpose of these supplemental funds is the same as that of ARP funds: to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Within these parameters, grantees have flexibility to determine which services best support the needs of children and families experiencing family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.

ARP Supplemental Funding Grant Awards Application Process

The FVPSA Program is implementing a streamlined application process for all FVPSA grantees to receive ARP supplemental funding. FVPSA ARP grant recipients are required to submit post-award documents related to the funding. Post-award documents consist of a supplemental funding verification statement, a use of funds narrative, [SF 424-A](#) budget forms, budget narrative, performance progress reports, and financial reports.

In order to receive FVPSA ARP supplemental funding, all existing FVPSA grantees must submit a brief statement within 45 days of receiving funding about the use of funds. This statement must verify that the FVPSA grantee is in a position to:

1. Use these funds to provide shelter, temporary housing, supportive services, information and assistance to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family and household members of such victims, and persons affected by the victimization, including provision of same to support Indian communities; and
2. Accept a supplemental award and the terms and conditions for the allowable use of funds.

Acceptance and implementation of the FVPSA ARP supplemental funding must be in compliance with the FVPSA Term and Conditions and the Allowable Use of Funds, available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants>. Please note that funds are to remain available until expended, or by September 30, 2025, at which time, all FVPSA ARP supplemental funding recipients are required to submit a final report.

ARP Supplemental Award Dissemination Timeline

The FVPSA Program is implementing a streamlined application process for all FVPSA grantees to receive ARP supplemental funding:

- This process will allow all states, tribes, coalitions, resource centers, SSAPC grantees, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline to first receive their supplemental funding on May 20, 2021, and then submit a brief narrative, budget, and budget narrative within 45 days.
- On May 20, 2021, the FVPSA Program will release Program Instructions and application guidance via email to all FVPSA grantees. All information will be posted on the FVPSA Program's website <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants>.
- On May 20, 2021, the ACF Office of Grants Management will issue ARP Notice of Awards via email and will release supplemental funding for all existing FVPSA grantees electronically via the HHS Payment Management System.
- On May 21, 2021, ARP supplemental funding for all existing grantees will be available for immediate drawdown. These funds will remain available until expended and through the end of FY 2025.

ARP Supplemental Funding Deadlines

- **By July 7 2021, at 6:00PM ET**, the ARP supplemental funding brief statement must be uploaded at <http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>. This statement verifies that the resource center, SSAPC grantee, capacity building center, or hotline is in a position to: 1) use these funds to provide services for those affected by COVID-19 in accordance with FVPSA; and 2) accept a supplemental award.
- **By July 7, 2021, at 6:00PM ET**, FVPSA discretionary grantees will need to upload an ARP Supplemental Funding Budget and Budget Narrative to Grant Solutions at <http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>. This budget and budget narrative explains how the supplemental funding will be used. Please note that use of funds must be in alignment with the Allowable Use of Funds for ARP supplemental funding, available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants>.

Questions

If you have any questions please reach out to your FVPSA Federal Program Officer and the FVPSA Program Director, Shawndell N. Dawson at Shawndell.Dawson@acf.hhs.gov, and the FVPSA Program Managers, Rachel Orsinger at Rachel.Orsinger@acf.hhs.gov and Kenya Fairley at Kenya.Fairley@acf.hhs.gov.

APPENDICES

ARP Allowable Use of Funds Guidance

1. FVPSA ARP Supplemental Funding Allowable Use of Funds for the National Domestic Violence Hotline
2. FVPSA ARP Supplemental Funding Allowable Use of Funds for the Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Children (SSAPC) Demonstration Grants
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ARP Progress Reporting Instructions

1. FVPSA ARP Supplemental Funding Reporting Instructions for FVPSA Discretionary Grantees

FVPSA ARP Supplemental Grant Award Allocation Table for Hotlines

FY 2021 Hotline ARP Supplemental Awards	
Grantee Name	Amount
National Domestic Violence Hotline	\$ 1,000,000.00
Sub-Award: StrongHearts Native Helpline	\$ 1,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,000,000.00

FVPSA ARP Supplemental Grant Award Allocations Table for SSAPC Demonstration Grants

FY 2021 SSAPC ARP Supplemental Awards		
State	Grantee Name	Amount
VT	VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	\$ 442,308.00
NJ	Center for Family Services, Inc.	\$ 442,308.00
NY	Sanctuary for Families	\$ 442,308.00
NY	Violence Intervention Program	\$ 442,308.00

NY	Retreat, Inc.	\$	442,308.00
NY	My Sisters' Place, Inc.	\$	442,308.00
DC	Children's National Medical Center	\$	442,308.00
MD	Community Advocates for Family & Youth (CAFY)	\$	442,308.00
GA	Caminar Latino, Inc.	\$	442,308.00
KY	The Center for Women and Families	\$	442,308.00
IL	Children's Home & Aid	\$	442,308.00
WI	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	\$	442,308.00
LA	The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.	\$	442,308.00
OK	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	\$	442,308.00
NE	Child Saving Institute Inc.	\$	442,308.00
CO	The Regents of the University of Colorado	\$	442,308.00
CO	Pueblo Young Women's Christian Association	\$	442,308.00
AZ	A New Leaf, Inc.	\$	442,308.00
CA	Interface Children & Family Services	\$	442,308.00
CA	South Bay Community Services	\$	442,308.00
CA	East Los Angeles Women's Center	\$	442,308.00
CA	W.E.A.V.E. Incorporated	\$	442,308.00
CA	Center for Domestic Peace	\$	442,308.00
HI	Child and Family Service	\$	442,308.00
AK	Women In Safe Homes	\$	442,308.00
OR	Bradley Angle	\$	442,308.00
	TOTAL	\$	11,500,008.00

FVPSA ARP Supplemental Grant Award Allocation Table for National, Special Issue, Culturally Specific Resource Centers and Capacity Building Centers

FY 2021 Resource Centers ARP Supplemental Awards	
Grantee Name	Amount
a) National Resource Centers	
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV)	\$ 1,400,000.00
National Indian Resource Center addressing DV and Safety for Indian Women (National Indigenous Women's Resource Center)	\$ 1,300,000.00
b) Special Issue Resource Centers	
Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence (Futures Without Violence)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Mental Health and Trauma (National Center on Domestic Violence Trauma & Mental Health - Hektoen Institute for Medical Research)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Child Protective Services and Custody and Domestic Violence*	\$ 1,000,000.00
Criminal and Civil Justice Systems (Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs: Battered Women's Justice Project)	\$ 1,000,000.00
c) Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers	
Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Gender Based Violence	\$ 800,000.00
Ujima: National Center on Violence Against Black Women (DCCADV)	\$ 800,000.00
Casa de Esperanza	\$ 800,000.00
d) Emerging and Current Issue Capacity Building Centers	
Tribal Safe Housing Capacity Building Center	\$ 400,000.00
LGBTQ Institute on IPV*	\$ 400,000.00
National Capacity Building Center on Safe and Supportive Housing for DV Survivors (NRCDV)	\$ 500,000.00
Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence - (Alaska Native Women's Resource Center)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Capacity Building and Program Technical Assistance for FVPSA Formula Grantees - (NNEDV)	\$ 500,000.00

National Capacity Building Center to expand services for Children, Youth, and Abused Parents impacted by DV	\$ 1,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,900,000.00

**Please note that the FVPSA Program will be allocating ARP supplemental awards for the LGBTQ IPV Institute and the Special Issue Resource Center for Child Protective Services and Custody and Domestic Violence upon the conclusion of the objective discretionary grant review that will take place in August 2021.*

APPENDICES

ARP Allowable Use of Funds Guidance: National Domestic Violence Hotline

ARP Supplemental Funding Allowable Activities

Prevent – Planning for emergency operations, services, and activities related to trauma-informed education, safety planning, and crisis interventions that will be provided remotely, which will ensure the continuity of domestic violence services and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19:

- Provision of crisis intervention services for domestic violence survivors during COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Provision of safety planning for domestic violence survivors during the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Provision of counseling services for domestic violence survivors during the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Provision of mobile advocacy for domestic violence survivors during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Mobile advocacy allows for advocates to work out in the community in order to support domestic violence survivors wherever it is safe and convenient for the survivor and local domestic violence program; and
- Prevention services, including outreach to or resource development for underserved populations to increase access to domestic violence services and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19.

Prepare – Activities that include assessing needs of survivors calling the hotline/helpline during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Activities that provide training, information, and assistance necessary to ensure the continuity of domestic violence services. Activities and services that will empower survivors to make decisions with dignity and respect and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19:

- Assessing, revising, and implementing emergency response protocols based on the needs of domestic violence survivors, guidance provided by local authorities, and the incorporation of best practices;
- Providing training, technical assistance, and planning to ensure the coordination of hotline relocation during natural disasters and public health emergencies; and
- Strengthen partnerships with local and state public health authorities, emergency services managers, health care providers, culturally specific community-based organizations, tribes, and domestic violence programs to improve emergency operations for the hotline/helpline.

Respond – Activities and plans of action to ensure the continuity of hotline/helpline services and response to survivor needs remotely, including how the response may change and how you plan to adapt to any fluctuating needs and circumstances of the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- Coordination and provision of hotline/helpline services;
- Assistance in developing safety plans and supporting efforts of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being; and
- Provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services and referrals to increase access to domestic violence services and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19.

Resources

Please see the following links for additional resources and information:

- Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Federal Guidance in Addressing COVID-19 webpage, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/news/federal-guidance-in-addressing-covid-19>.
- FAQs on Allowable Use of FVPSA Funds during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/news/faqs-on-allowable-use-of-fvpsa-funds-during-the-covid-19-public-health-emergency>.

Questions and Point of Contact

The FVPSA Program understands that when responding to survivors your original plan for use of the ARP supplemental funds may change due to unforeseen and changing circumstances. Budget changes can be made as long as they are in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards available at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=pt45.1.75> and are consistent with the terms and conditions of your award.

If you require scope changes, please review the information at the [ACF COVID-19 Response and Resources](#) and submit any needed scope adjustment or change in scope requests to your FVPSA Federal Program Officer and Kenya Fairley, FVPSA Supervisory Program Specialist at kenya.fairley@acf.hhs.gov.

ARP Allowable Use of Funds Guidance: Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children (SSAPC) Demonstration Grants

ARP Supplemental Funding Allowable Activities

Activities conducted under ARP supplemental funding should be developed and conducted with consideration given to and within the context of the allowable uses of funds for the SSAPC Grant Program, as described below. Funding may support a wide range of in-scope activities related to meeting the social, emotional, and developmental needs of children and youth exposed to domestic violence, meeting the needs of abused parents, and offering supportive services for families engaged in the SSAPC Grant Program. Funding may also support a wide range of expenses necessary to ensure the continuity of services for domestic violence survivors and their children during the COVID-19 public health emergency, including COVID-19 preparedness and risk mitigation, technology enhancements to support transitioning to virtual and remote services, and supporting children and families to heal, recover, and regain stability from the impact of the public health emergency.

According to 42 U.S.C. §10412, SSAPC grant funds **must** be used to:

- A. provide direct counseling, appropriate services consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 10412 (c)(2), or advocacy on behalf of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their children, including coordinating services with services provided by the child welfare system;
- B. provide services for nonabusing parents to support those parents' roles as caregivers and their roles in responding to the social, emotional, and developmental needs of their children; and
- C. where appropriate, provide the services described in this subsection while working with such a nonabusing parent and child together; and

Funds **may** be used to:

- A. provide early childhood development and mental health services;
- B. coordinate activities with and provide technical assistance to community-based organizations serving abused victims or children exposed to DV; and
- C. provide additional services and referrals to services for children, including childcare, transportation, educational support, respite care, supervised visitation, mobile/offsite services, or other necessary services.

Given the above allowable uses of funds, the FVPSA Program has identified several activities that SSAPC grantees may conduct under ARP supplemental funding. The FVPSA Program understands that when responding to survivors and their children, your original plan for use of ARP supplemental funds may change due to unforeseen and changing circumstances. The activities noted below are not exhaustive but are intended to assist SSAPC grantees in planning for use of their ARP supplemental funding.

Prevent – Planning for emergency operations, services, and activities related to trauma-informed education, safety planning, and crisis interventions that will be provided remotely which will ensure the continuity of domestic violence services and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19:

- Prevention services, including COVID-19 testing and vaccination, transportation assistance, Personal Protective Equipment and applicable equipment, cleaning and sanitizing, and publication of materials to increase awareness and provide information to reduce exposure and the risk of COVID-19 to program participants.

- Provision of crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence, family violence, dating violence and their children, such as purchasing, updating or enhancing technology equipment and systems to increase virtual capacity for program participants, and training for program staff to access, navigate, and effectively provide virtual services.

Prepare – Activities that include assessing needs of survivors and their children who participate in SSAPC projects during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Activities that provide training, information, and assistance necessary to ensure the continuity of domestic violence services. Activities that will support families impacted by family violence as they prepare to transition back to work/school or additional changes in the response to COVID-19:

- Enhancing existing activities to improve systems and responses to abused parents and their children and youth exposed to domestic violence across the SSAPC projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Coordinating or providing new or enhanced residential and non-residential services for children and youth exposed to domestic violence and their nonabusing parents to ensure stability for the child’s housing, economic, educational, and social development needs (e.g., job training, financial literacy, life skills training);
- Enhancing evidence-informed and practice-informed services, strategies, advocacy, and interventions for children and youth exposed to domestic violence (e.g., evaluation consultants, curriculum, and training materials).

Respond – Activities and plans of action to ensure the continuity of the SSAPC projects’ continuation and response to survivors and children’s needs remotely, including how the response may change and how your agency, organization, or tribe plans to adapt to any fluctuating needs and circumstances of the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- Provide direct counseling or advocacy on behalf of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their children, including coordinating services provided by the child welfare and child support enforcement systems (e.g., telehealth licenses, tablets/laptops/headphones, internet connectivity enhancements);
- Provide services for nonabusing parents to support those parents’ roles as caregivers and their roles in responding to the social, emotional, and developmental needs of their children (e.g., providing childcare while receiving mental health services, mobile advocacy, use of flexible funding when available);
- Providing dyadic parent/child supports to strengthen relationships (e.g., parenting supports; bonding activities and materials for activities – art supplies, games, etc.);
- Coordinate activities with and provide technical assistance to community-based organizations serving abused parents or children exposed to domestic violence;
- Provide additional services and referrals to services for children, including child care, transportation, educational support, respite care, supervised visitation, mobile/offsite services, or other necessary services (e.g., updating/enhancing the program’s information materials, including websites with informational resources and enhanced services such as secure online chat or text; before/after school care, seasonal therapeutic camps, school supplies, rental and utility assistance; legal advocacy).

Resources

Please see the following links for additional resources and information:

- Specialized Services to Abused Parents and their Children (Demonstration Projects), HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1812, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1812_1.pdf
- Family and Youth Services Bureau, Federal Guidance in Addressing COVID-19 webpage, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/news/federal-guidance-in-addressing-covid-19>.
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Resources for Parenting and Responding to the Needs of Children and Youth during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Please see the following links for additional resources and information:

- [Promising Futures](#)
- [COVID-19 Parental Resources Kit](#)
- [Resources for Supporting Children's Emotional Well Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Supporting Parents, Caregivers and Their Children During COVID-19: Resources for Advocates Serving Families Affected by Domestic Violence](#)
- [The Importance of Culture in Healing from Domestic Violence in Indigenous Communities: The Stories Are the Data](#)

Questions and Points of Contact

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**ARP Allowable Use of Funds Guidance: National, Special Issue, Culturally Specific Resource
Centers and Capacity Building Centers Supplemental Funding Allowable Activities**

ARP Supplemental Funding Allowable Activities

Prevent – Resource center activities to support the capacity of the victim services field to assist domestic violence survivors by providing supportive services, shelter options, and supplies which will reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19.

- Technical assistance to states, tribes, Coalitions, and local domestic violence programs on strategies that reduce [COVID-19 transmission](#), using existing materials where available. Please note that grantees are expected to use materials from federal agencies and/or local public health departments;
- Documenting and disseminating innovative practices developed by service providers to effectively deliver services remotely or in other modes that reduce COVID-19 transmission, to include those developed by local culturally specific victim services providers;
- Engaging with systems in each center’s focus area to support the ability of survivors to interact safely with that system;
- Research and technical assistance on ensuring the safety and sustainability of the domestic violence advocacy workforce during the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Technical assistance on implementing mobile advocacy for domestic violence survivors during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Mobile advocacy allows for advocates to work out in the community in order to support domestic violence survivors wherever it is safe and convenient for the survivor and local domestic violence program; and
- Public awareness, including outreach to underserved populations to increase access to domestic violence services and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19.

Prepare – Activities that include assessing needs of survivors during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Activities that provide training, information, and assistance necessary to ensure the continuity of domestic violence services and related services for survivors. Assessing the capacity of local domestic violence programs and tribes to meet the COVID-19 impacted needs of survivors.

- Provide training, information, and assistance for ensuring the continuity of local domestic violence programs and tribal domestic violence programs to develop safety plans, and support efforts of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being during the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Conduct needs assessments related to the capacity of domestic violence services providers and related systems to meet the needs of survivors and their children in recovering from the effects of the violence during COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Provide training, information, and technical assistance on effective flexible advocacy models and updated resources to assist advocates in collaborating remotely with related systems (housing, courts, child welfare, health centers, etc.); and
- Provide training, information, and technical assistance for ensuring the continuity of local domestic violence programs and tribal domestic violence programs to help them maintain the capacity to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services during COVID-19 public health emergency, including culturally informed training, information, and assistance to culturally specific local service providers.

Respond – Activities and technical assistance for ensuring the continuity of domestic violence services during the COVID-19 public health crisis and recovery which includes responding to issues including adapting to fluctuating needs and circumstances.

- Provision of services, training, technical assistance, and outreach to increase awareness of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and increase the accessibility of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence services;
- Research and evaluation to document practices and trends that emerged during the COVID-19 public health crisis and documentation of lessons learned to inform future services; and
- Research, resources, and technical assistance to support local programs in determining whether or how to integrate remote and mobile advocacy services into the organizations long-term service model. Mobile advocacy allows for advocates to work out in the community in order to support domestic violence survivors wherever it is safe and convenient for the survivor.

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Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children Allocation: Twenty-five percent of FVPSA appropriations exceeding \$130 million are allocated to fund the Specialized Services to Abused Parents and their Children (SSAPC) Demonstration Sites Grant Program. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 10412 of FVPSA, the SSAPC Grant Program serves to expand the capacity of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence service programs and community-based programs to prevent future domestic violence by addressing, in an appropriate manner, the needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

These awards provide flexibility in how FVPSA grantees use the funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency as needs evolve for children and families experiencing family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence. Funding may support a wide range of in-scope activities including counseling, mobile advocacy, telehealth, peer support, and equipment and software to assist in carrying out remote services. Funding may also support a wide range of expenses necessary to ensure the continuity of hotline services for domestic violence survivors during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Supplemental Project Period

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FVPSA ARP supplemental grant recipients are required to submit post-award documents related to the funding. Post-award documents consist of supplemental funding verification statements, narratives, [SF-424](#) budget forms, budget narratives, performance progress reports, and financial reports.

Program reporting forms for discretionary grant programs must be submitted electronically through Grant Solutions at <http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>. Financial reporting forms must be submitted electronically to the Division of Payment Management through the Payment Management System. Paper copies will not be accepted.

As stated in your notice of award, grantees are required to submit the following information via Grant Solutions **within 45 days** of the supplemental award release date.

1. **ARP Supplemental Funds Verification Statement.** Provide a brief statement that your organization is in a position to:
 - 1) Use these funds to provide shelter, temporary housing, supportive services, information and assistance to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family and household members of such victims, and persons affected by the victimization, including provision of same to support Indian communities; and
 - 2) Accept a supplemental award and the terms and conditions for the allowable use of funds.

2. **ARP Activity Overview.** Provide a brief narrative (2-4 pages) describing how funds will be used to provide shelter, temporary housing, supportive services, information and assistance to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family and household members of such victims, and persons affected by the victimization, including provision of same to support Indian communities. For a detailed explanation of allowable activities, please review the FVPSA Program’s Allowable Use of Funds guidance documents. Please respond using the following categories:
 - **Prevent**—Please discuss how your organization, agency, or tribe will plan for emergency operations, services and activities related to trauma-informed education, safety planning, and crisis interventions that will be provided remotely, which will ensure the continuity of domestic violence services and reduce the exposure and risk of COVID-19.
 - **Prepare**—Please discuss how your organization, agency, or tribe will conduct activities that include assessing needs of survivors and their children during the COVID-19 public health emergency; activities that provide training, information, and assistance necessary to ensure the continuity of domestic violence services; and/or activities that will support families impacted by family violence as they prepare to transition back to work/school or additional changes in the response to COVID-19.

- **Respond**— Please discuss how your organization, agency, or tribe will conduct activities and plans of action to ensure the continuity of your projects/in-scope activities and response to survivors and children’s needs remotely, including how the response may change and how your agency, organization, or tribe plans to adapt to any fluctuating needs and circumstances of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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3. **Budget Form and Budget Narrative.** Provide a project budget and budget narrative using the [SF-424-A form](#) as provided in OMB memo [M21-20](#), Promoting Public Trust in the Federal Government through Effective Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act and Stewardship of the Taxpayer Resources, pre-award guidance. The budget narrative should clearly detail costs for each object class category, with calculations for how each cost is derived. The budget categories should be presented in a format denoting the following columns: Object class categories; federal budget; non-federal budget and total budget. Equipment is defined as tangible personal property (including information technology systems) that has a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost of at least \$5,000. Any equipment purchased with award funds must be pertinent to ARP activities, procured through a competitive process, and maintained, tracked, and disposed of in accordance with [45 C.F.R. Part 75](#). The equipment line item should include the cost per unit; the number of units; the total cost; and a plan for use of the equipment in the project; as well as a plan for the use, and/or disposal of, the equipment after the project ends.

The following are ineligible costs:

- Direct payment to survivors;
- Construction costs; and
- Renovation costs.

PLEASE NOTE: ARP funds will be used to supplement and not supplant other federal, state, and local public funds.

Funding Restrictions. The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021, and [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021](#), (Division H, Title II, Sec. 202), limits the salary amount that may be awarded and charged to ACF grants and cooperative agreements. Award funds issued under this announcement may not be used to pay the salary of an individual at a rate in excess of Executive Level II. The Executive Level II salary of the "Rates of Pay for the Executive Schedule" is \$199,300. This amount reflects an individual's base salary exclusive of fringe benefits and any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of the duties of the applicant organization. This salary limitation also applies to subawards and subcontracts under an ACF grant or cooperative agreement.

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2021/EX.pdf>

4. **Supplemental Funding Reporting.** All FVPSA ARP supplemental grant recipients are required to submit performance progress reports and financial reports, including semi-annual and annual reporting. By **December 31, 2025, at 6:00PM ET**, each grantee’s ARP Supplemental Funding Final

Report must be uploaded to Grant Solutions located at <https://grantsolutions.gov>. This report will detail the implementation and allocation of the FVPSA ARP supplemental funding your organization received.

Resources and Technical Assistance

Please see the following links for additional resources and FVPSA grant award information:

COVID-19 Information

- Family and Youth Services Bureau, Federal Guidance in Addressing COVID-19 webpage, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/news/federal-guidance-in-addressing-covid-19>
- FAQs on Allowable Use of FVPSA Funds during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/news/faqs-on-allowable-use-of-fvpsa-funds-during-the-covid-19-public-health-emergency>.

Grant Information and Forms

- FYSB FVPSA Program's Managing Your Federal Grant webpage, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants#managing>
- Online Data Collection System (OLDC), <https://home.grantsolutions.gov/home/>
- SF-424-A <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html>
- Grantees of the Family & Youth Services Bureau, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants/fysb-grantees>

FVPSA Discretionary Grantee Funding Opportunity Announcements

- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Indian Resource Center addressing DV and Safety for Indian Women, HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1166, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1158_0.pdf
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1173, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1173_1.pdf
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Capacity Building Center on Safe and Supportive Housing for DV Survivors, HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1160, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1160_1.pdf
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/Special Issue Resource Centers (SIRCs), HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1164, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1164_1.pdf
 - Criminal/Civil Justice System Response
 - Child Protective Services Response
 - Healthcare Systems Response
 - Mental Health Systems Response
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers (CSSIRCs), HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1158, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1158_1.pdf
 - African American
 - Asian American/Pacific Islander
 - Latina/Latino
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Capacity Building Center to Expand Services for Children, Youth, and Abused Parents Impacted by DV,

HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1157, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-EV-1157_1.pdf

- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence, HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1802, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1802_0.pdf
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/Capacity Building Center for FVPSA Formula Grantees, HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-EV-1547, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-EV-1547_0.pdf
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Domestic Violence Hotline, HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1820, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1820_0.pdf
- Specialized Services to Abused Parents and their Children (Demonstration Projects), HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1812, https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1812_1.pdf

Domestic Violence Technical Assistance

- [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center](#)
- [National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#)
- [Safe Housing Partnerships](#)
- [Battered Women's Justice Project & National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women](#)
- [Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody](#)
- [National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#)
- [National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health](#)
- [Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community](#)
- [Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence -](#)
- [National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities](#)
- [Promising Futures Without Violence](#)
- [Alaska Native Women's Resource Center](#)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence](#)

Questions and Point of Contact

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If you have any questions please reach out to your FVPSA Federal Program Officer and the FVPSA Program Director, Shawndell N. Dawson at Shawndell.Dawson@acf.hhs.gov, and the FVPSA Program Managers, Rachel Orsinger at Rachel.Orsinger@acf.hhs.gov and Kenya Fairley at Kenya.Fairley@acf.hhs.gov.