

# Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

**2021 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act  
American Rescue Plan Act  
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from  
Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program  
Program Instruction Guidance Memo**

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**PROGRAM INSTRUCTION**

**TO:** Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers, National Indian Resource Center Addressing Domestic Violence, Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence Grant Recipients

**SUBJECT:** Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program

**SECTION I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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) program received a historic increase in supplemental funding for domestic violence shelters, supportive services, tribes, sexual assault programs, and culturally specific programs. All of them are working tirelessly to ensure the continuity of domestic violence and sexual violence services throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. In support of sexual assault and domestic violence survivors, ARP section 2204 provides a total of \$49.5 million for the FVPSA program that will remain available until expended through September 30, 2025, for the following:

- Grants to Support Culturally Specific Populations to provide culturally specific activities for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence to address emergent needs resulting from public health concerns and to promote strategic partnership development and collaboration in response to public health concerns for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, which will include the following:
  - Support culturally specific community-based organizations to provide culturally specific activities for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and to address emergent

needs resulting from the COVID–19 public health emergency and other public health concerns; and

- Support culturally specific community-based organizations that provide culturally specific activities to promote strategic partnership development and collaboration in responding to the impact of COVID–19 and other public health concerns for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

The intent of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program is to sustain organizational capacity in delivering trauma informed, culturally relevant services for adults, children, and youth affected by domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. This supplemental funding will support services developed by culturally specific and community based domestic violence and sexual assault programs implementing culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate programs, services, and supports for individuals and families who identify as a member of a racial or ethnic specific minority group and underserved population.

### **Purpose of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program**

The purpose of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program is to provide culturally specific activities for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence to address emergent needs resulting from the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to promote strategic partnership development and collaboration in responding to public health concerns for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The populations to be targeted for support and assistance via these funds are sexual assault and domestic violence victims from racial and ethnic minority groups and underserved populations.

For the purposes of this program instruction, “underserved population,” “underserved communities,” or “people who have been historically underserved” should be read to be consistent with FVPSA statutory and regulatory definitions (at 42 U.S. Code § 10402 (14) and 45 CFR part 1370.2).

The Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers (CSSIRCs), the National Indian Resource Center (NIRC), and the Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence (ANTRCDV) are expected to use their expertise, existing networks and memberships to identify local, community-based culturally specific programs that serve survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations. This includes culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence programs that provide supportive services and shelter for adults, youth, and children; LGBTQ two-spirited survivors; and survivors from underserved communities who have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV may develop and implement a process to subaward the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funds to support culturally specific community-based organizations providing culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services to adult, child, and youth survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations. The CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV are allowed to use 5 percent of awarded funds for administrative and evaluation costs to administer, monitor, assess, and report on subrecipients’ implementation.

The CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV may promote the availability of funds to these programs for the purposes of conducting culturally specific activities for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to address emergent needs resulting from the COVID–19 public health emergency and other public health concerns. If opting to subaward, the CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV must provide training and

technical assistance to support eligible subrecipients applying for, receiving, and reporting on use of these supplemental funds.

The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funds are to be used for the promotion and development of strategic partnerships to carry out these activities, both nationally and at the local level. Each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV is required to partner, via an executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), with national technical assistance providers with expertise in culturally specific sexual assault services, national technical assistance providers for LGBTQ two-spirited communities, as well as urban Indian organizations, including providing fair and adequate compensation for their expertise. The CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV are expected to model partnering with these organizations and support, initiate, and/or cultivate the same in communities, states, and/or tribes where their subrecipients are located.

### **Statutory Authority**

The statutory authority for this program is the American Rescue Plan § 2204(c).

Sexual violence and domestic violence are significant public health issues that disproportionately impact racial and ethnic specific communities. The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding is intended to ensure the continuity of services and supports for survivors and their dependents from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations that have been significantly impacted by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The implementation of this supplemental funding aligns with the FVPSA definition for supportive services (45 CFR § 1370.2); aligns with other services identified in FVPSA at 42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1)(A)-(H); and aligns with the statutory authority to FVPSA at 42 U.S.C. § 10410(B)(ii) that supports services, training and technical assistance that address emerging issues related to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, to entities demonstrating related expertise.

Please also note that the implementation of this supplemental funding also aligns with medical advocacy and other services in FVPSA at 42 U.S.C. 10408(b)(1)(A)-(H). Specifically, 42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1)(G)(iii) includes the following for allowable activities as supportive services: *medical advocacy, including provision of referrals for appropriate health care services (including mental health, alcohol, and drug abuse treatment).*

### **Definitions**

**Personally Identifying Information** - Individually identifying information for or about an individual, including information likely to disclose the location of a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, regardless of whether the information is encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected. Personally identifying information includes a first and last name; a home or other physical address; contact information (including a postal, e-mail, or Internet protocol address, or telephone or facsimile number); a social security number, driver's license number, passport number, or student identification number; and any other information, including date of birth, racial or ethnic background, or religious affiliation, that would serve to identify any individual (45 CFR § 1370.2).

**Supportive Services** – For the purposes of this supplemental funding, “supportive services” is defined as services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault and their dependents that are designed to meet the needs of such victims and their dependents for short-term, transitional, or long-term safety and recovery. Supportive services include, but are not limited to: direct and/or provide referral-based advocacy on behalf of victims and their dependents, counseling, case management, employment services, referrals, transportation services, legal advocacy or assistance,

child care services, health, behavioral health and preventive health services, culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and other services that assist victims and their dependents in recovering from the effects of the violence (45 CFR § 1370.2).

**Subaward** -- An award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a federal award received by the pass-through entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a federal program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that the pass-through entity considers a contract. (Source: 45 CFR 75.2)

**Pass-through entity** – a non-federal entity that provides a subaward to a subrecipient to carry out part of a federal program. (Source: 45 CFR 75.2)

**Underserved Communities** - For the purposes of this supplemental funding, “underserved population”, “underserved communities” or “people who have been historically underserved” should be read to be consistent with FVPSA statutory and regulatory definitions (at 42 U.S. Code § 10402(14) and 45 CFR part 1370.2). For reference, the definition at 45 CFR part 1370.2 is given here: “Underserved populations means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, and populations underserved because of special needs including language barriers, disabilities, immigration status, and age. Individuals with criminal histories due to victimization and individuals with substance use disorders and mental health issues are also included in this definition. The reference to racial and ethnic populations is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300(u–6)(g)), which means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts); Asian American; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks; and Hispanics. The term “Hispanic” or “Latino” means individuals whose origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish speaking country. This underserved populations definition also includes other population categories determined by the Secretary [of Health and Human Services] or the Secretary’s designee to be underserved.”

**Virtual Services** - The use of electronic devices, such as computers, tablets, and smartphones, to provide services for survivors through a secure platform. These services will enable domestic violence and sexual violence programs to support survivors and their children via an internet connection, web portal, and two-way live video platforms, <https://telehealthresourcecenter.org/>.

### **The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Funding**

#### **Allowable Use of Funds Guidance for Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers, National Indian Resource Center, and Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence Grant Recipients**

The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding may be used to: enhance community-based racial and ethnic specific sexual assault and domestic violence victim services; enhance outreach strategies to reach underserved

survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations to ensure the continuity of services throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency; build the capacity of community-based culturally specific sexual assault and domestic organizations to serve survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups impacted by the COVID-19 virus; build the capacity of culturally specific sexual violence and domestic violence service providers to adjust and enhance services that will prevent, respond, and mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus; train and educate culturally specific community-based organizations, including health care providers, social service agencies, and youth service programs, on how to respond to the needs of sexual assault and domestic violence survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations; and develop culturally and linguistically appropriate materials for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors.

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(7), “culturally specific services” means community-based services that include culturally relevant and linguistically specific services and resources to culturally specific communities. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(6), “culturally specific” means primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 300u-6(g)) (which means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts); Asian American; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks; and Hispanics). The term “Hispanic” or “Latino” means individuals whose origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish speaking country. This underserved populations definition also includes other population categories determined by the Secretary [of Health and Human Services] or the Secretary’s designee to be underserved.”

For the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations allowable culturally specific activities, services, and supports may include:

- Developing and supporting innovative culturally specific community-based services and supports that enhance access to shelter services or supportive services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence from racial and ethnic specific underserved communities.
- Developing and supporting innovative culturally specific community-based non-residential services and supports that enhance intervention and prevention for all survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from racial and ethnic minority populations;
- Strengthening the capacity and furthering the leadership development of racial and ethnic minority organizations to address sexual violence and domestic violence in their communities; and
- Promoting strategic partnership development and collaboration, including with health systems, early childhood programs, economic support programs, schools, child welfare, workforce development, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs, other community-based programs, community-based organizations serving individuals with disabilities, faith-based programs, and youth programs, in order to further a public health responses to supporting survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from racial and ethnic specific underserved populations.

## **The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Funding Allowable Activities**

- Conducting pre-planning tasks such as engaging in organizational capacity building efforts to support the subawarding process, developing MOUs with culturally specific sexual assault technical providers, LGBTQ+ specific technical assistance providers, and developing processes to both monitor subrecipients and establish reporting systems – *CSSIRCS, NIRC, ANTRCDV are allowed to use 5 percent of awarded funds to support activities necessary to administer, monitor, evaluate, and report;*
- Promoting the availability of the FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding and disseminating a request for proposal announcement through the use of webinars, listservs, websites and other forms of technology that may be accessible to eligible culturally specific domestic violence and sexual assault programs;
- Providing technical assistance and training to support eligible culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence programs that will apply, receive, and report on the FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding;
- Supporting community-based culturally specific domestic violence and sexual violence programs and/or innovative racial and ethnic specific community-based collaborations providing shelter, counseling, mobile advocacy, maternal health services, telehealth services, peer support, in-person assistance, community education, and related supportive services to adult and youth sexual assault and domestic violence survivors impacted by the COVID–19 public health emergency and/or health disparities;
- Conducting ongoing monitoring and evaluation activities; if applicable, ensuring the FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding subrecipients are using the funding to support the needs of sexual assault and domestic violence survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations who may be impacted by COVID-19 and/or health disparities;
- If applicable, partnering with national sexual assault and LGBTQ+ specific technical assistance providers to assess and evaluate ongoing technical assistance needs of subrecipients’ organizations and/or community-based partnerships, including developing actionable sustainability plans to ensure continuity of services once the FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funds are expended;
- If applicable, developing reporting mechanisms for subrecipients to provide information on outcomes and impacts of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding; and
- If appropriate, conducting evaluation activities geared towards identifying leading practices and lessons learned through the use of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding subrecipients by racial and ethnic specific sexual assault and domestic violence programs and/or community-based partnerships supporting sexual assault and domestic violence survivors from racial and ethnic specific underserved communities.

## **VIRTUAL SERVICES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS FROM RACIAL AND ETHNIC SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES**

The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding can be used to support culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence programs as they transition to virtual services or as they plan to continue virtual services. This supplemental funding may be used to develop, implement, and assess innovative virtual services that:

- Optimize the use of virtual services to increase access to culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services for survivors in your service area, as well as for underserved communities; and
- Can be adapted and scaled across local community or service areas.

This supplemental funding will support all costs associated with culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence programs systematically designing, implementing, and assessing ways to optimize the use of virtual services for survivors that have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### **Resource:**

- National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Safety Net Project - Using Technology to Communicate with Survivors During a Public Health Crisis, <https://www.techsafety.org/digital-services-during-public-health-crises>

### **Data Security**

The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding may be used for all costs associated with protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of survivor services information, including safeguarding data from accidental and intentional disclosure. The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program recipients may use funds to support the safety of survivor data, including servers, firewall protection software, and training for personnel and survivors on topics such as proper use of devices and service portals, security of passwords, and available data safety features.

### **Confidentiality**

In order to ensure the safety of adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their families, FVPSA-funded programs must establish and implement policies and protocols for maintaining the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided with services.

FVPSA-funded programs cannot disclose any personal identifiable information (PII) collected in connection with services; reveal PII without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent; or require a victim to provide consent as a condition of eligibility for services (45 CFR 1370.4(a)(1 – 3)). Additionally, consent to release PII shall be given by an unemancipated minor and the minor's parent or guardian, or in the case of an individual with a guardian, it shall be given by the individual's guardian (45 CFR 1370.4 (b)).

In the annual Performance Progress Report (PPR) for FVPSA-funded states and tribes, states must collect unduplicated data from each subrecipient, if applicable, and each sub-recipient may only share non-PII data, in aggregate, regarding services to their clients in order to comply with federal, state, or tribal reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements (42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(5)(D)(i)). Client-level data shall not be shared with a third party, regardless of encryption, hashing, or other data security measures,

without a written, time-limited release as described in 42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(5). This includes the prohibition of sub-recipients sharing client-level data with the state for data collection or monitoring purposes.

Consistent with the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. § 3501-3521), under this supplemental funding grant program, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), FVPSA program will not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information covered by such Act, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The described PPR information collection is approved under OMB control #0970-0280, expiration date May 31, 2024.

## **MEETING EMERGENT NEEDS AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES NEEDS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS FROM RACIAL AND ETHNIC SPECIFIC MINORITY GROUPS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**Prevent** – Activities that assist sexual assault and domestic violence survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved communities by providing virtual services, supportive services, temporary housing assistance, mobile advocacy services, and supplies that will reduce the exposure to and risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus.

- Perform outreach and provide education to culturally specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations about 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/state public health departments.
- Disseminate [educational materials](#) and resources to culturally specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations on precautions to [prevent](#), contain, or mitigate COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. Please note that grantees are expected to use materials from federal agencies and/or local/state public health departments.
- Provide virtual services, temporary housing options, and supportive services to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved communities, including paying for the operating, staffing, and administrative expenses of the facilities for rape crisis/sexual assault programs;
  - The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funds can be used to provide temporary refuge in conjunction with supportive services and in compliance with applicable state or tribal law or regulations which includes:
    - Housing provision including assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homelessness prevention services;
    - Rental subsidies and rental assistance;
    - Temporary refuge or lodging in individual units such as apartments (which is not required to be owned, operated or leased by the program);
    - Safe homes; and
    - Hotel or motel vouchers.



- Provide prevention services, including outreach to racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations to increase access to culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services and reduce the exposure to and risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus; and
- Strengthen partnerships with local and state public health authorities, local/state health departments, emergency services managers, health care providers, culturally specific community-based organizations, tribes, urban Indian organizations, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, domestic violence programs, and rape crisis centers/sexual assault programs to improve emergency operations throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Prepare** – Activities and technical assistance that include assessing needs of survivors from racial and ethnic minority groups and underserved communities during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Activities that provide training, information, and assistance necessary to ensure the continuity of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services. Assessing the capacity of culturally specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations emergency operation plans and plans to address the needs of survivors and reduce the exposure to and risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. Please note that the provision of remote services, virtual services, and mobile advocacy are allowable activities for this supplemental funding.

- Assess the capacity of culturally specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations to provide continuity of sexual assault services, including emergency operations plans and plans to address increasing service demands, remote services operational capacity, potential provider closures, and staff absenteeism;
- Provide training to assist culturally specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations in reviewing, updating, and/or implementing emergency operations plans and plans to address increasing service demands, remote services operational capacity, potential provider closures, and staff absenteeism;
- Provide training, information, and assistance for ensuring the continuity of culturally specific sexual assault, and domestic violence services to support from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being during the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Provide training, information, and assistance for ensuring the continuity of culturally specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations to help them maintain the capacity to provide services for sexual assault survivors, including age-appropriate counseling, supportive services, and culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Please note that the provision of remote services, virtual services, and mobile advocacy are allowable activities; and
- Provide training, information, and assistance for ensuring the continuity of culturally specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations to help them maintain the capacity to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Respond** – Activities and technical assistance for ensuring the continuity of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services during the COVID-19 public health emergency, which includes responding to issues such as adapting to fluctuating needs and changing circumstances. Please note that staffing enhancements, workforce supports, and workforce capacity building (as described below) are allowable activities.

- Provide services, training, technical assistance, and outreach to increase access to culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services;
- Provide advocacy, case management services, and information and referral services concerning issues related to culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services, including—
  - (i) Assistance in accessing related federal and state financial assistance programs;
  - (ii) Legal advocacy to assist survivors and their dependents;
  - (iii) Medical advocacy, including provision of referrals for appropriate health care services (including mental health, alcohol, and drug abuse treatment), but which shall not include reimbursement for any health care services;
  - (iv) Assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homelessness prevention services;
  - (v) Provide transportation, childcare, respite care, job training and employment services, financial literacy services and education, financial planning, and related economic empowerment services; and
  - (vi) Provide parenting and other educational services for victims and their dependents.
- Provide direct crisis intervention services, including counseling, mobile advocacy, telehealth, peer support, and in-person assistance. Mobile advocacy allows for advocates to work out in the community in order to support sexual assault survivors wherever it is safe and convenient for the survivor.
- Fund staffing increases, workforce supports for employees/advocates, and workforce capacity building and any related costs to retain, reward, or recruit staff to ensure the continuity of racial and ethnic specific sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations for survivors and their dependents.

## **WORKFORCE EXPANSIONS, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND SUPPORTS**

The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding can be used for workforce-related expansions and supports, or to reimburse subrecipients or contractors for such costs and for costs that include but are not limited to:

- Planning for implementation of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services: COVID-19 mitigation strategies; implementation of mobile advocacy services; language access planning, or virtual/remote services implementation;
- Training providers and staff on COVID-19 mitigation activities: implementation of mobile advocacy services; or virtual/remote services implementation;
- Hiring providers and staff to carry out culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services; COVID-19 mitigation strategies; implementation of mobile advocacy services; or virtual/remote services implementation;

- Reporting data to HHS on culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services, COVID-19 mitigation strategies; implementation of mobile advocacy services; or virtual/remote services implementation; and
- Expenses to secure and maintain adequate personnel to carry out culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services; COVID-19 mitigation strategies; implementation of mobile advocacy services; or virtual/remote services implementation; if the activity generating the expense and/or the expenses were necessary to secure and maintain adequate personnel. Please review HHS regulations 45 CFR § part 75 “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards,” Subpart E—Cost Principles, <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-A/subchapter-A/part-75/subpart-E?toc=1>. These requirements apply to the FVPSA recipient and any subrecipients. The FVPSA recipient should thoroughly review these regulations before developing your proposed budget. Such expenses may include:
  - Hiring bonuses and retention payments,
  - Childcare,
  - Transportation subsidies, and
  - Other fringe or personal benefits authorized by HHS regulations ([45 CFR part 75](#)).

The purpose of these allowable workforce capacity building expenses are to ensure the continuity of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services in local communities by allowing supplement funding to be used to sustain an advocacy workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the needs of sexual assault survivors impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. A sustainable workforce is needed to operate remote/virtual services for survivors; to implement mobile advocacy services for survivors sheltered throughout local communities; and to coordinate the COVID-19 mitigate strategies for each local program to keep families healthy and safe during this difficult time.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

The CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV will benefit from partnering with a consortium of national technical assistance providers with expertise in culturally specific sexual assault services, national technical assistance providers for LGBTQ two-spirited communities, and urban Indian organizations when implementing culturally specific services for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Working in partnership with local health departments and health care providers represents important opportunities for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 through integrated health and community-based supports for sexual assault survivors and domestic violence survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations who may also be facing homelessness, as well as other negative impacts due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV may use the FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding to support partnerships that will strengthen the implementation of virtual services, emergency services, mobile advocacy, language access, and COVID-19 mitigation services for survivors of sexual assault. The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding may be used to issue subawards or contracts for training; technical assistance; operating

procedures development; culturally specific/linguistically appropriate services; policy development; technical consultation with sexual assault resource centers; or to support community-based partnership coordination. The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding may be used for costs related to strengthening the organizational capacity, service delivery, and community engagement for sexual assault survivors impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## **SECTION II. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION**

### **Grant Awards Allocations**

The FVPSA program determined award amounts for the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding using the following allocations:

- \$39,600,000 – 80 percent for Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers (CSSIRCs) grant recipients.  
\$9,900,000 – 20 percent National Indian Resource Center Addressing Domestic Violence (NIRC) grant recipient.

The FVPSA program determined that each CSSIRC grantee (listed below) will receive an equal apportionment of the \$39,600,000 in FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding for expenditure through September 30, 2025.

- \$13,200,000 for the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence
- \$13,200,000 for Esperanza United/Casa de Esperanza
- \$13,200,000 for Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community

The FVPSA program determined that each NIRC and ANTRCDV grant recipient (listed below) will receive an equal apportionment of the \$9,900,000 in FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding for expenditure through September 30, 2025.

- \$4,950,000 for the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center
- \$4,950,000 for the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center

Please note that the funding for the NIRC and ANTRCDV has been prioritized for urban Indian organizations and two LGBTQ two-spirited organizations because FVPSA-funded tribes and tribal organizations received three separate allocations of FVPSA ARP supplemental funding in 2021 for domestic violence and sexual violence services for American Indians and Alaska Natives survivors and their dependents. The FVPSA ARP supplemental funds for tribes and tribal organizations were allocated in 2021 as follows: \$34,750,000 in FVPSA ARP supplemental funding for domestic violence and dating violence services; \$39,600,000 in FVPSA ARP sexual assault supplemental funding for sexual violence services; and \$142,500,000 in FVPSA ARP COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units supplemental funding. For 2021, the FVPSA Program allocated a total amount of \$216,850,000 in ARP supplemental funding to tribes and tribal organizations serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities to ensure the continuity of services for survivors and their dependents who are impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Supplemental Awards Table**

<b>2021 ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Awards Table</b>	
<b>Grantee Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers</b>	
Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Gender Based Violence	\$13,200,000
Ujima: National Center on Violence Against Black Women	\$13,200,000
Esperanza United/Casa de Esperanza	\$13,200,000
National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center	\$4,950,000
Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center	\$4,950,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,500,000</b>

**Project Period**

- The project period for all the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program awards is March 15, 2021, through September 30, 2025.

This allowance is in accordance with OMB memo [M-21-20](#), 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.”

**SECTION III. COST SHARING OR MATCHING**

**Match Requirements**

Congress appropriated the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funds with no matching requirements. **No match is required for these supplemental grant awards or subawards.**

Please note that retroactive pre-award costs that have been incurred from March 15, 2021 until the time of the award, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency are allowed with written approval in accordance with HHS’ regulatory requirements at 45 CFR 75.308(d)(1).

## **SECTION IV. CONTENT AND FORM OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION, PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

### **The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program Grant Award Applicant Process**

The FVPSA program is implementing a streamlined application process for all FVPSA CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV grant recipients to receive the FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding. 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, and budget narrative.

Acceptance and implementation of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program 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.

## **SECTION IV.1 SUBMISSION DATES AND TIMES**

### **The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Awards Dissemination Timeline**

The FVPSA program is implementing a streamlined application process for all FVPSA grantees to receive FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program funding:

- This process will allow all CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV grant recipients to first receive their ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program funding on **October 29, 2021**, and then submit a brief narrative, budget, and budget narrative by **February 7, 2022**.
- On **October 29, 2021**, the ACF Office of Grants Management will issue ARP Notice of Awards via email and release the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program funding for all existing FVPSA CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV grant recipients electronically via the HHS Payment Management System (PMS).
- On **November 1, 2021**, the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program funding for all FVPSA CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV grant recipients will be available for immediate drawdown. These funds will remain available until expended and through September 30, 2025.

### **FVPSA ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Deadlines**

- **By February 7, 2022, at 6:00PM ET**, the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program funding brief verification statement must be uploaded at <http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>. This statement verifies that each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV is in a position to: 1) use these funds to provide culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services and supports for survivors affected by COVID-19 in accordance with the FVPSA and ARP statutes; and 2) accept a supplemental award.

- **By February 7, 2022, at 6:00PM ET**, FVPSA-funded CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV will need to upload the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program 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 the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding, detailed in this memo and available online at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants>

## **SECTION IV.2. CONTENT AND FORM OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION, PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The described funding application information collection is approved under OMB control #0970-0280, expiration date May 31, 2024.

### **Required Supporting Documents**

The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program grant recipients are required to submit post-award documents related to the funding. Post-award documents consist of supplemental funding verification statement, a use of funds narratives, [SF 424-A](#) budget forms, and budget narratives.

In order to receive the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program, all existing FVPSA CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV grant recipients must submit a brief statement within 90 days of receiving the Notice of Award (NoA) about the use of funds. This statement must verify that the FVPSA grantee is in a position to:

1. Use these funds to:
  - support culturally specific community-based organizations to provide culturally specific activities for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to address emergent needs resulting from the COVID–19 public health emergency and other public health concerns; and
  - support culturally specific community-based organizations that provide culturally specific activities to promote strategic partnership development and collaboration in responding to the impact of COVID–19 and other public health concerns on survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
2. Accept a supplemental award and the terms and conditions for the allowable use of funds, to local culturally specific domestic violence programs within three (3) months of receiving your supplemental award.

**The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Funding Activity Overview.** Provide a brief narrative (no more than 25 pages) describing how the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding will be used. Please review the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding allowable use of funds document for CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV detailed in this memo and available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants>. Please respond using the following categories:

- Each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV must complete a three (3)-month assessment and planning period. The planning period must include organizational capacity building efforts to support the subawarding process, developing partnerships with national LGBTQ+ specific technical assistance providers, developing a process to both monitor subawardees and establish reporting systems and other activities that may be included as a part of the administrative and evaluation cost. Assessment and planning activities occurring during the planning period must inform decision-making in the implementation phase. All proposed funding distribution plans will need to be reviewed and approved by the FVPSA program prior to implementation. Please respond using the following categories:
  - i. Discuss the issues impacting culturally specific domestic violence programs and sexual assault programs as it relates to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 and other public health emergencies. Indicate how this funding can be used to strengthen community-based, culturally specific programs' capacity to address the identified needs and provide services and supports for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their dependents;
  - ii. Describe your agency's readiness and capacity to administer ARP Act funding as described. Discuss how you will partner with national LGBTQ+ specific technical assistance providers to support the CSSIRCs and subrecipients' ongoing implementation needs. This section should also describe activities that will take place during the three (3)-month planning period to support your agency's ability to both administer funding to subrecipients and provide ongoing monitoring and support.
  - iii. Detail your agency's plan to subaward ARP funding to support local culturally specific domestic violence programs and sexual assault programs within 90 days of receiving your supplemental award from the FVPSA Program. The description should include a rationale for the proposed funding distribution plan to subrecipients and a plan for ongoing monitoring, technical assistance, evaluation, and reporting.
  - iv. **Prevent**—Please discuss the issues impacting survivors from racial and ethnic specific minority groups and underserved populations in your agency's plan of action to assist sexual assault survivors and domestic violence survivors by supporting culturally specific organizations that will offer virtual services, supportive services, temporary housing options, mobile advocacy services, and supplies that will reduce the exposure to and risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus.
  - v. **Prepare**—Please provide details on how each CSSIRC, NIRC, or ANTRCDV will support activities and technical assistance 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 rape crisis centers, sexual assault services, and domestic violence programs. Assessing the capacity of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence programs, LGBTQ two-spirited organizations, and urban Indian organizations emergency operation plans and plans to address the needs of survivors and reduce the exposure to and risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus.
  - vi. **Respond**—Please provide details on how each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV will support activities and technical assistance for ensuring the continuity of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence services during the COVID-19 public health emergency, which includes responding to issues such as adapting to fluctuating needs and changing circumstances that will impact services in your state, territory, or tribe. Please note that staffing enhancements, workforce supports, and workforce capacity building are allowable activities. Please detail your agency's plan



to subaward the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program to culturally specific domestic violence and sexual assault programs within 90 days of receiving your supplemental award from the FVPSA program.

### Meaningful Involvement in Implementing the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Funding

A detailed description of how each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV plans to meaningfully involve national culturally specific sexual assault organizations, culturally specific service providers, LGBTQ two-spirited service providers, and urban Indian organizations with the implementation of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding, including:

1. The process and communication method used by each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV to involve national culturally specific sexual assault organizations, culturally specific service providers, LGBTQ two-spirited service providers, urban Indian organizations, and representatives from underserved communities with implementation of the supplemental funding.
2. The culturally specific organizations and underserved communities' partners that each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV plans to engage to coordinate outreach and services for sexual assault survivors and domestic violence survivors from these communities.
3. The number of times each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV will meet national culturally specific sexual assault organizations, culturally specific service providers, LGBTQ two-spirited service providers, urban Indian organizations, and representatives from underserved communities to discuss the implementation of this supplemental funding and the coordination of services for sexual assault survivors and domestic violence survivors from racial and ethnic specific communities.
4. How each CSSIRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV will incorporate feedback and input from national culturally specific sexual assault organizations, culturally specific service providers, LGBTQ two-spirited service providers, urban Indian organizations, and representatives from underserved communities into the partnership, technical assistance, and service plan to fulfill the objectives of this supplemental funding.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The FVPSA program understands that when responding to survivors your original use of the COVID-19 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. Please note that significant re-budgeting will require prior written approval from ACF. Should you have additional questions, or concerns, please reach out to your Federal Program Officer.

- **Budget Form and Budget Narrative.** Provide a project budget and budget narrative using the [SF-424-A form](#) as provided in the OMB memo [M-21-20](#), 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 ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program is available for expenditure until September 30, 2025. The budget narrative should clearly detail costs for the supplemental project period, 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 the COVID-19 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.

## SECTION IV.3 FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

### Administrative Costs

There is a limit to the amount of grant funding that can be used for administrative costs by CISSRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV grant recipients as they carry out the requirements of the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding. Specifically, each CISSRC, NIRC, and ANTRCDV are allowed to use 5 percent of awarded funds for administrative and evaluation costs to administer, monitor, evaluate, and report on subrecipients' implementation.

The following are ineligible costs:

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program will be used to supplement and not supplant other federal, state, and local public funds in accordance with 42 U.S.C § 10406(c)(6).

**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), limit 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 currently \$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>

## SECTION IV.4 ADMINISTRATIVE AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Awards issued under this funding opportunity are subject to 45 CFR Part 75 - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards currently in effect or implemented during the period of award, other Department regulations and policies in effect at the time of award, and applicable statutory provisions. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is available at [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov). Unless otherwise noted in this section, administrative and national policy requirements that are applicable to discretionary grants are available at: [www.acf.hhs.gov/administrative-and-national-](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/administrative-and-national-)

[policy-requirements.](#)

An application funded with the release of federal funds through a grant award does not constitute, or imply compliance with federal regulations. Funded organizations are responsible for ensuring that their activities comply with all applicable federal regulations.

Please review all HHS regulatory provisions for Termination at 45 CFR § 75.372.

### **HHS Grants Policy Statement**

The HHS Grants Policy Statement (HHS GPS) is the Department of Health and Human Services' single policy guide for discretionary grants and cooperative agreements. ACF grant awards are subject to the requirements of the HHS GPS, which covers basic grants processes, standard terms and conditions, and points of contact, as well as important agency-specific requirements. The general terms and conditions in the HHS GPS will apply as indicated unless there are statutory, regulatory, or award-specific requirements to the contrary that are specified in the Notice of Award. The HHS GPS is available at <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf>.

## **SECTION V. REPORTING**

### **The ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program Funding Reporting Requirements**

All ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program grant recipients are required to submit semi-annual performance progress reports. Information on reporting requirements is available on the ACF website at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/post-award-requirements>. By April 30, 2022, October 30, 2022, April 30, 2023, October 30, 2023, April 30, 2024, October 30, 2024, April 30, 2025, October 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. ET, all FVPSA ARP culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence [semi-annual performance progress reports](#) must be submitted electronically through GrantSolutions at <http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>.

Recipients are required to submit a semi-annual PPRs describing the activities carried out and an evaluation of the effectiveness of those activities in achieving the purposes of the grant (42 U.S.C. 10406(d)). A section of this performance report must be completed by each recipient or sub-recipient that provided program services and activities during the project period. Recipients must compile sub-recipient performance reports into a comprehensive report for submission.

### **Federal Financial Reports (FFR)**

All ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program funding recipients are required to use the SF-425 Federal Financial Report for expenditure reporting semi-annually. The deadlines for these reports are as follows: April 30, 2022, October 30, 2022, April 30, 2023, October 30, 2023, April 30, 2024, October 30, 2024, April 30, 2025, October 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. ET. To access the SF-425, please visit [Post-Award Reporting Forms](#) at Grants.gov. SF-425 reports are due as frequently as is required in the terms and conditions of award using due dates from reports to the HHS Payment Management System (PMS). Recipients will continue to submit the [FFR Federal Cash Transaction Report \(FCTR\)](#) electronically to the HHS Division of Payment Management through the Payment Management System (PMS), <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/hhs-acf.html>. Paper copies will not be accepted.

HHS may suspend funding for an approved application if any applicant fails to submit an annual performance report or if the funds are expended for purposes other than those set forth under this supplemental funding memo.

### **Paperwork Reduction Act Disclaimer**

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3521, the public reporting burden for the Project Description is estimated to average 90 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. The Project Description information collection is approved under OMB control number 0970-0139, which expires 02/28/2022. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Note: It is the applicant's responsibility to inform FVPSA of any changes to the Authorizing Official and/or contact person that occur during the entire project period. In addition, applicants must ensure that the Authorizing Official and/or their designee has warranted access to submit program and financial reports.

### **FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation**

Awards issued as a result of this funding opportunity may be subject to the Transparency Act subaward and executive compensation reporting requirements of 2 CFR Part 170. See ACF's [Award Term for Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act \(FFATA\) Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting Requirement](#) implementing this requirement and additional award applicability information.

ACF has implemented the use of the SF-428 *Tangible Property Report* and the SF-429 *Real Property Status Report* for all recipients. Both standard forms are available at <https://www.grants.gov/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html>.

## **SECTION VI. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS**

The Secretary of HHS shall approve any application that meets the requirements of this announcement. The Secretary shall not disapprove an application unless the Secretary gives the applicant reasonable notice of intention to disapprove along with a (six) 6-month period providing the applicant an opportunity to correct any deficiencies. The Secretary shall give such notice within 45 days after the date of submission of the application, if any of the provisions of the application have not been satisfied. If the recipient does not correct the deficiencies within the six (6)-month period, following the receipt of the Secretary's notice, the Secretary shall withhold payment of any grant funds to such state until the state provides documentation that the deficiencies have been corrected.

## SECTION VII. OTHER INFORMATION

### RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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

#### COVID-19 Information

- 1) CDC State and Territorial Health Department Websites, <https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>
- 2) IHS, COVID-19 Response in Indian Country, <https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/>
- 3) CDC Interim Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Homeless Shelters and Encampments, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/testing.html>
- 4) Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>
- 5) CDC COVID-19 Infection Control Inventory and Planning Tool for Homeless Service Providers, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/infection-control-inventory-planning-tool.pdf>
- 6) CDC Health Equity: Promoting Fair Access to Health, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/health-equity/index.html>
- 7) CDC Community-Based Organizations COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/toolkits/community-organization.html>
- 8) Recommended data sources for identifying your proposed target population(s) and service area(s):
  - a. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index, <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html>
  - b. Vaccine Hesitancy for COVID-19: State, County, and Local Estimates, (HHS/ASPE March 2021), <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/vaccine-hesitancy-covid-19-state-county-local-estimates>
  - c. Reliable, recent county or state data for your proposed area(s) or target population(s), as appropriate.
- 9) HHS-Funded COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach Programs and Resources:
  - a. CDC COVID-19 Resources for Tribal Communities, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/tribal/index.html>
  - b. CDC COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness: Frequently Asked Questions, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/vaccine-faqs.html>
  - c. COVID-19 Public Education Campaign, <https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/>
  - d. COVID-19 Community Corps, <https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/covidcommunitycorps>
  - e. Find a Health Center, <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>
  - f. Health Center Vaccine Program, <https://www.hrsa.gov/coronavirus/health-center-program>
  - g. Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program FAQ, [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions?field\\_faq\\_category\\_tid=306&combine=](https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions?field_faq_category_tid=306&combine=)
  - h. CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Resources, <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>
- 10) HHS (2021) National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/National-Strategy-for-the-COVID-19-Response-and-Pandemic-Preparedness.pdf>

## **Grant Award 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>
- 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>.

## **FVPSA Discretionary Notice of Funding Opportunities for CSSIRCs, NIRC, and ANTRCDV**

- Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers NOFO HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1936 <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/index.cfm?switch=foa&fon=HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1936>
- National Indian Resource Center addressing DV and Safety for Indian Women NOFO HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1943 <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/index.cfm?switch=foa&fon=HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1943>
- Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center NOFO HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1802 <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=321594>

## **Federal Grants Management Training**

- Uniform Administrative Requirements for Federal Grants: 2 CFR 200 (Subparts A-D) - <https://www.managementconcepts.com/course/id/2050>
- Financial Administration of Federal Grants for Recipients - <https://www.managementconcepts.com/course/id/2076>
- Procurement with Federal Grant Funds Seminar - <https://www.managementconcepts.com/course/id/2203>
- Monitoring Federal Grants for Pass-through Entities- <https://www.managementconcepts.com/course/id/2078>

## **SECTION VIII. HHS AWARDING AGENCY CONTACT(S)**

The FVPSA Program understands that when responding to survivors your original plan for use of the ARP Act 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.

Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding the COVID-19 funding, please reach out to your FVPSA Federal Program Officer and the FVPSA Program Director, Shawndell N. Dawson at [Shawndell.Dawson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Shawndell.Dawson@acf.hhs.gov).

**ACF Office of Grants Management:** If there are any questions about the ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program supplemental funding Notice of Award letters or the financial implementation of these supplemental grants, then please reach out to the ACF Office of Grants Management at [FPRG-OGM@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:FPRG-OGM@acf.hhs.gov).

<b>Culturally Specific Resource Center</b>	<b>FVPSA Program Specialist</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence	Betty Johnson	<a href="mailto:Betty.Johnson@acf.hhs.gov">Betty.Johnson@acf.hhs.gov</a> (202) 205-4866
Esperanza United/Casa de Esperanza	Katherine Cloutier	<a href="mailto:Katherine.Cloutier@acf.hhs.gov">Katherine.Cloutier@acf.hhs.gov</a> (202) 260-5738
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Ujima)	Tya Johnson	<a href="mailto:Tya.Johnson@acf.hhs.gov">Tya.Johnson@acf.hhs.gov</a> (202) 690-7862