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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN STOP FORMULA GRANT

The US Department of Justice, Office for Violence Against Women makes STOP (2020) Grant Program funds available to the Territory of the US Virgin Islands. These revenues are the result of Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, reauthorized in 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2013.

The US Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women in conjunction with the Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) now accepts applications from private, non-profit organizations and Virgin Islands Government agencies (local court, law enforcement and prosecution) for programs designed to provide direct services in response to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Services to victims of violent crimes against women include, but are not limited to crisis intervention services, counseling and therapy, emergency services, court related services, training, data collection, salaries and benefits for law enforcement officers dedicated to a domestic violence unit, and salaries and benefits for a prosecutor dedicated to the prosecution of domestic violence/or sexual assault cases. Programs should seek to implement comprehensive strategies to address violence against women which are sensitive to the needs and safety of the victims and hold offenders accountable for their crime.

The US Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women requires each state and territory must distribute their funds each year in the following manner: At least 30 percent for victim services programs (of which at least 10 percent must be distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations), 25 percent must

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be allocated to law enforcement, 25 percent to prosecution, 5 percent to state or local courts, with the remaining 15 percent allocated as discretionary programs. Funding is based on a statutory formula established by the US Department of Justice.

Funding levels in the respective allocation for the **STOP 2020 Grant Program** are as follows:

Law Enforcement: $146,797.04
Prosecution: $146,797.04
Court: $29,359.41
Victim Services: $100,000.00
Discretionary: $30,000.00

The funding period is up to twelve (12) months from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. All awards are subject to the availability of funds. The Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) as the State Agency reserves the right to award as many subgrants and determine appropriate funding levels as it deems necessary.

Applications are available at the Law Enforcement Planning Commission. For information or to request an application package, call the office at (340) 774-6400, ext. 203 or email sherri.abbott@lepc.vi.gov. **Proposals are due by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. The Law Enforcement Planning Commission reserves the right to accept or deny any or all proposals.**