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September 10, 2026

BCC Agenda Date/Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Sitting/Acting as _____
Clackamas County

Approval to Apply for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Fund. Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Crime Victim and Survivor Services 2-year 2027 VAWA Competitive RFA for Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Courts. Anticipated Grant Award is for up to \$1,199,597 but likely \$400,000 over 2 years. Funding through the ODOJ and STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); no County General Funds are involved.

Previous Board Action/Review	None		
Performance Clackamas	Ensure safe, healthy, and secure communities.		
Counsel Review	No	Procurement Review	No
Contact Person	Scott Healy	Contact Phone	503-655-8343

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The CCDA is requesting up to \$1,199,597 but likely \$400,000 from this grant opportunity to fund goals related to the Gold Standard Project program by focusing on significantly improving Clackamas County's response to Sexual Assault. In October of 2025, Clackamas County District Attorney John Wentworth started the "Gold Standard Project." This project includes the participation of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), the Oregon State Police, the nine municipal police agencies, Community Corrections, the DA's Victim Advocate Unit, Clackamas Women's Services (CWS), Safety Compass, Clackamas Fire agencies, Clackamas Medical Services, Clackamas Mental Health Services, and local hospital representatives, among other groups and organizations in the county. The goal of this project is to create the best investigative and collaborative response to sexual assault in the nation through significant system and training-based resources.

The Gold Standard Project will develop a victim-centered, trauma-informed, best-practice training course in the future, but Clackamas County desperately needs to immediately train at least the 50 detectives who are currently investigating these very important cases. Fortunately, the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission is willing to partner with Clackamas County to get this done. They have reserved SAI-VCERT training spaces for Clackamas County for their training on December 15th - 18th, 2026. They also have trainings on January 26th – 29th, February 16th – 19th, and March 23rd – 26th, 2027. The training costs \$500 a person, so it would cost \$25,000 to train 50 detectives. We would also like to train the other twelve detectives at CCSO, because they will likely handle sexual assault cases in the future. That would cost another \$6,000, which would total \$31,000. Most of the remaining money would be spent on trauma-informed FETI interviewing training for officers, victim advocates, and other partners. All the prosecutors who currently handle these types of cases in Clackamas County have already completed FETI training.



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RECOMMENDATION: I respectfully recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve the application for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Fund. Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Crime Victim and Survivor Services 2027 VAWA Competitive RFA for Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Courts. Anticipated Grant Award is for up to \$1,199,597 but likely \$400,000 over 2 years. Funding through the ODOJ and STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); no County General Funds are involved.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Wentworth
Clackamas County District Attorney

Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form

Use this form to track your potential award from conception to submission.

Sections of this form are designed to be completed in collaboration between department program and fiscal staff.

If renewal or direct appropriation, complete sections I, II, IV & V only. Section III is not required.

If Disaster or Emergency Relief Funding, EOC will need to approve prior to being sent to the BCC

****CONCEPTION****

Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Requester

Award type: ☐ Direct Appropriation (no application)
☒ Subrecipient Award ☐ Direct Award

Award Renewal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lead Fund # and Department:	24 DA District Attorney
Name of Funding Opportunity:	Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Crime Victim and Survivor Services 2-year 2027 VAWA Competitive RFA for Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Courts

Funding Source: ☐ Federal – Direct ☒ Federal – Pass through ☐ State ☐ Local

Requestor Information: (Name of staff initiating form)	Scott Healy
Requestor Contact Information:	503-655-8343 / Scotthea@clackamas.us
Department Fiscal Representative:	Bob Wilson / 503-650-3011 / Rwillson@clackamas.us
Program Name & Prior Project #: (please specify)	Program 240102 - Office of the District Attorney / Will need new Project number

Brief Description of Project:

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Name of Funding Agency: Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ)

Notification of Funding Opportunity Web Address: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/grant-funds-programs/stop-violence-against-women-act-vawa-fund/>

OR

Application Packet Attached: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Completed By:

Date:

**** NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE ****

Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Department Fiscal Rep

☒ Competitive Application ☐ Non-Competing Application ☐ Other

Assistance Listing Number (ALN), if applicable:	16.588	Funding Agency Award Notification Date:	11/9 - 20/2026
Announcement Date:	08/18/2026	Announcement/Opportunity #:	
Grant Category/Title	Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Crime Victim and Survivor Services	Funding Amount Requested:	Up to \$1,199,597 but likely \$400,000
Allows Indirect/Rate:	Yes / 15% de minimis	Match Requirement:	Yes, 25% match
Application Deadline:	09/29/2026	Total Project Cost:	Up to \$1,499,496 but likely \$500,000
Award Start Date:	01/01/2027	Other Deadlines and Description:	
Award End Date:	12/31/2028		
Completed By:	Scott Healy	Program Income Requirements:	
Pre-Application Meeting Schedule:			

Additional funding sources available to fund this program? Please describe:

The grant award will fund all aspects of this program including DA Staff, Software to use with the program, and Training for Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, DDA's, and DA Investigators that relate to this program. We estimate being able to train up to 529 or more people in Clackamas County with this grant. It will also cover the 15% de minimus rate for indirect costs.

How much General Fund will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

N/A

How much Fund Balance will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

N/A

In the next section, limit answers to space available.

Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff

Fiscal

1. Are there other revenue sources required, available, or will be used to fund the program? Have they already been secured? Please list all funding sources and amounts.

No

2. For applications with a match requirement, how much is required (in dollars) and what type of funding will be used to meet it (CGF, In-kind, local grant, etc.)?

A 25% cash or in-kind match of the total cost of the project is required for all government-based organizations, except for the funds used by Tribal Nations or non-profit, non-governmental victim services programs applying for the benefit of law enforcement or prosecution. This in-kind match will come from county funds.

3. Does this grant/financial assistance cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are those sources?

15% de minimis

4. Does the grant/financial assistance fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what is the purpose of the program?

No

Organizational Capacity:

1. Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If no, can staff be hired within the grant/financial assistance funding opportunity timeframe?

Yes, current staffing will be utilized for the management and implementation of this grant, in conjunction with community partners. No new positions will be created through these funds. Any DA staff that is working on this new program, will code their payroll costs to the grant funds.

2. Are there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with and what are their roles and responsibilities?

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3. If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sun setting the project and/or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?

N/A

4. If funded, would this grant/financial assistance create a new program, does the department intend for the program to continue after initial funding is exhausted? If yes, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, supplanted by a different program, etc.)?

The new program will remain in place as long as grant/financial assistance is available from the Oregon Department of Justice and VAWA.

Collaboration

1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.

The Clackamas County DA's Office; the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Clackamas County Corrections.

Reporting Requirements

1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant/funding opportunity?

Quarterly financial reports; Semi-annual performance reports; Final financial and performance reports. If applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions.

2. How will performance be evaluated? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?

Performance will be evaluated by the number of law enforcement officers, victims advocates, and prosecutors we are able to get trained That will include 50 detectives, and approximately 529 officers in FETI interviewing techniques. We will also measure performance by the number of quality investigations that are completed, and the number of successful prosecutions compared to the number of unsuccessful prosecutions. We will also measure success by the number of victims that are served in a best-practices, trauma-informed manner.

3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this funding?

Quarterly financial reports.

Mission/Purpose:

1. How does the grant/funding opportunity support the Department and/or Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals?

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2. Who, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?

The District Attorney's Office is leading this project and is the best agency to do so. The DA's Office leadership has a good working relationship with CCSO, the Oregon State Police, all the Municipal Police Agencies, Community Corrections, and each member of the Gold Standard Project group members previously identified above in Clackamas County. This strongly supports the likelihood we will be successful in implementing everything we are proposing to solve this systematic problem involving the investigation and prosecution of Sexual Assault cases in the county and create a long-term sustainable solution.

3. What are the objectives of this funding opportunity? How will we meet these objectives?

Our primary goals are to improve investigative quality and survivor experience, strengthen multidisciplinary collaboration and case management, and increase case resolution and accountability. To accomplish these goals the project will train all detectives who regularly investigate sexual assault through SAI-VCERT and certify a broad cohort of law enforcement officers, and victim advocates in the FETI methodology so every professional who interviews or supports victims understands the neurobiology of trauma and trauma-informed interviewing techniques. We already have training opportunities in December, January, February, and March of next year to help accomplish this goal.

Other information necessary to understand this award, if any.

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Program Approval:

Scott P. Healy

09/02/2026

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature



**** NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR ****

****ATTACH ANY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY. COUNTY FINANCE OR ADMIN WILL SIGN****

Section IV: Approvals

DIVISION DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)

Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature
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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)

John Wentworth	09/02/2026	
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

Bouavieng Bounnam	09/02/2026	
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

EOC COMMAND APPROVAL **(WHEN NEEDED FOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELIEF APPLICATIONS ONLY)**

Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature
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Section V: Board of County Commissioners/County Administration

(Required for all grant applications. If your grant is awarded, all grant awards must be approved by the Board on their weekly consent agenda regardless of amount per local budget law 294.338.)

For applications \$150,000 and below:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	Approved: ☐	Denied: ☐
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

For applications up to and including \$150,000 email form to BCC staff at CA-Financialteam@clackamas.us for Gary Schmidt's approval.

For applications \$150,000.01 and above, email form with Staff Report to the Clerk to the Board at ClerktotheBoard@clackamas.us to be brought to the consent agenda.

BCC Agenda item #: Date:

OR

Policy Session Date:

County Administration Attestation

County Administration: re-route to department at
and
Grants Manager at financegrants@clackamas.us
when fully approved.

Department: keep original with your grant file.