**Federal Appropriations Account Information for Fiscal Year 2022**

**(Oct. 1, 2021- Sept. 30, 2022)**

**SAMPLE FORM TO SEND TO MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Rape Prevention and Education (RPE)**

**Application Form**

**1) Organization Completing Application:**

Organization Name: Your organization

**2) Contact person(s) in organization:**

Name: Your name, number and email

Phone number:

Email address:

**3) Lobbyist or other representative(s), if applicable:**

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**4) Appropriations Bill/Subcommittee (check one):**

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|  | Agriculture and Related Agencies |
|  | Commerce, Justice, and Science |
|  | Defense  |
|  | Energy and Water Development |
|  | Financial Services |
|  | Homeland Security |
|  | Interior and Environment |
| X | Labor, HHS, and Education |
|  | Legislative Branch |
|  | Military Construction and Veterans’ Affairs |
|  | State and Foreign Operations |
|  | Transportation and HUD  |

*(For questions #5-7, please be specific – e.g.: Department: Transportation; Agency: Federal Transit Administration; Program: Busses and Bus Facilities)*

**5) Department (if applicable):** Department of Health and Human Services

**6) Agency:** Centers for Disease Control

**7) Account, agency subdivision, program, activity, etc., through which this project would be funded:**  Injury Prevention and Control, Intentional Injury Prevention Budget, Rape Prevention and Education

**8) Amount of programmatic request for FY 2020:** $75 million.

**9) Description of program request:** RPE formula grants, administered by the CDC Injury Center, provide essential funding to states and territories to support rape prevention and education programs conducted by rape crisis centers, state sexual assault coalitions, and other public and private nonprofit entities. The RPE program engages boys and men as partners, supports interdisciplinary research collaborations, fosters cross-cultural approaches to prevention, promotes healthy relationships, and funds the critically important National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

**10) Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars:** The RPE Program strengthens sexual violence prevention efforts at the state and local levels.High profile cases of sexual assault on campuses, our military bases, military academies, and professional sports have resulted in unprecedented media attention resulting in a tremendous increase in sexual assault survivors seeking assistance from local rape crisis centers, and opportunities from educators and community organizations requesting prevention and training services.According to 2015 data from the CDC’s National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, one in five women have been the victim of rape or attempted rape. The CDC study confirmed that the impacts on society are enormous. Over 80% of women who were victimized experienced significant short and long-term impacts related to the violence such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), injury (42%) and missed time at work or school (28%). And, the CDC report shows that most rape and partner violence is experienced before the age of 25, highlighting the importance of preventing this violence before it occurs. According to 2017 data from the federal government, the lifetime cost rape per victim is $122,461.

**11) Bill / Report language required (if any):**

Please keep language as short and concise as possible.

*In granting funds to states, the Secretary shall set forth procedures designed to ensure meaningful involvement of the State or territorial sexual assault coalitions and representatives from underserved communities in the application for and implementation of funding.* *Of the total amount made available under this subsection in each fiscal year, not less than 15% shall be available to state, territorial and tribal sexual assault coalitions for the purposes of coordinating and providing prevention activities, providing assistance to prevention programs, and collaborating and coordinating with federal, state, and local entities engaged in sexual violence prevention. From amounts appropriated for grants under this subsection for each fiscal year* *not less than 10 percent of the funds shall be available for grants to tribal sexual assault coalitions; and* *the remaining funds shall be available for grants to State and territorial coalitions, and the Attorney General shall allocate an amount equal to 1/56 of the amounts so appropriated to each of those State and territorial coalitions.*

**12) Amount/policy included specifically for this item in the President's budget request for FY 2022**:

Unknown

**13) Federal funding history:**

E.g. $100,000 in FY14, $150,000 in FY13. Please include the complete funding history.

FY 2008 $42.1 million; FY 2009 $42.5 million; FY 2010 $42.6 million; FY 2011 $39.5 million; FY 2012 41.7 million reduced to $39.4 million in sequestration; FY 2013 $39.4 million reduced to $38.3 million in sequestration; FY 2014 $38 million; FY 2015 $38.8 million; FY 2016 $44.4 million; FY 2017 $44.4; FY 2018 $49.4 million. FY 2019 $49.4 million. FY 2020 $50.75 million. FY 2021 $51.75 million. VAWA 2013 reauthorized RPE to $50 million.

**14) If this request received Congressional appropriations in previous years, please list the fiscal year and provide the exact report or bill language as it appears in most recent House, Senate, or Conference report:**

*At least 75% of the funds appropriated for the Rape Prevention & Education Program must go to states for the purpose of local and state rape prevention activities.*

**15) Is this request being submitted by other Members? If so, please provide the name of each Member that will be submitting the request:**

Unknown

**16) Other Comments/Misc. information?**

Please attach separate sheets as needed.

The RPE program supports implementation of proven, culturally relevant rape prevention and education activities. Rape and other forms of sexual violence are preventable. Beginning in FY 2014, a new five-year Rape Prevention and Education program funding formula was implemented based on language in VAWA 2013. While the formula provides a base funding of $150,000 for all 50 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico, and $35,000 for territories, it reduced the funding provided to large states.

High profile cases have increased the demand for prevention and education beyond the current capacity of state sexual assault coalitions and local rape crisis centers. Almost 2/3 of programs responding to a 2020 survey by the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence had an increased demand for services. Many counties in the United States have no access to programs funded by RPE due to funding limitations. The media attention also points to the need for comprehensive community responses to sexual violence like those funded by RPE. Every community must raise awareness of the problem of sexual assault, support efforts to prevent first-time perpetration and victimization, and bring together diverse partners to develop, implement and evaluate statewide sexual assault prevention plans.

We know that survivors will come forward as these discussions become more commonplace and we must have the resources to meet the education and prevention needs in the community. Victims deserve support, our young people deserve to grow up safely, and research tells us that appropriate and early intervention and prevention can mitigate the costs and consequences of sexual violence and prevent that violence from occurring in the first place. The best way to prevent victimization is to prevent first time perpetration. CDC is working to build the evidence-based sexual violence prevention strategies throughout the RPE program.