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

**(Oct. 1, 2021- Sept. 30, 2022)**

**SAMPLE FORM TO SEND TO COMPLETE ONLINE MEMBER REQUEST FORM**

**Department of Justice**

**Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)**

**1) Organization Completing Application:**

Organization Name: Your State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Mailing Address:

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

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

Name: State Coalition ED or Rape Crisis Center, list your name and title

Phone number: cell and office numbers so they can reach you

Email Address: ED’s email, do not use info@ email address

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

Name: Terri Poore, Policy Director, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

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

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|  | Agriculture and Related Agencies |
| X | Commerce, Justice, and Science |
|  | Defense  |
|  | Energy and Water Development |
|  | Financial Services |
|  | Homeland Security |
|  | Interior and Environment |
|  | 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 Justice

**6) Agency:** Office on Violence Against Women

**7) Account, agency subdivision, program, activity, etc., through which this project would be funded:**  Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

**8) Amount of programmatic request for FY 2020:** $100 million

**9) Description of program request:** Sexual Assault Services Program, a formula grant, provides the only federal funding dedicated entirely to the provision of direct servicesto victims of sexual violence.

**10) Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars:** One in five women has been the victim of rape or attempted rape. Nearly one in two women has experienced some form of sexual violence. SASP formula funding is awarded to states, territories and tribes to provide critical services to adult and child sexual assault victims and their families. Grant funds can be used for crisis intervention, counseling, support for underserved populations, and especially accompaniment through the medical and criminal justice systems. Advocates help the criminal justice system respond more effectively – more police reports, more prosecutions and more convictions equal safer communities. According to the Office on Violence Against Women’s most recent report to Congress, 55,000 victims were served by the SASP program in one year. 62% of rape crisis programs have a waiting list for counseling services, 35% lack a therapist on staff, many survivors are waiting many weeks or even months for counseling. At the same time, almost 2/3 programs have seen an increased demand for services. Attention to campus and military sexual assault cases, as well as high profile media cases, has meant more victims have come forward needing critical recovery services. Programs must be expanded to meet the demand.

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

Please keep language as short and concise as possible.

$100 million is for sexual assault victim assistance, as authorized by section 41601 of the 1994 Act;

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

N/A

**13) Federal funding history:**

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

FY 2008 $9.4 million; FY 2009 $12 million; FY 2010 $15 million; FY 11 $14.97 million; FY 2012 $23 million; FY 2013 $25 million reduced to $23.3 million in sequestration; FY 2014 $27 million; FY 2015 $30 million; FY 2016 $35 million; FY 2017 $35 million; FY 2018 $35 million; FY 19 $37.5 million; FY 20 $38 million; FY 21 $41 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:**

Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Grant Programs

$41,000,000 is for sexual assault victims assistance, as authorized by section 41601 of the

1994 Act;

**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.

Victims of sexual assault suffer. They are more likely to struggle professionally, academically and from depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, and to contemplate suicide.

SASP funds ensure quality services. Through support of coalitions which provide training and technical assistance, SASP helps ensure that victims receive high quality services and improved responses from the criminal justice system.

Advocates help the criminal justice system respond better. Research shows that when victims receive advocate-assisted services following assaults, they receive more helpful information, referrals and services and experience less secondary trauma or victimization by medical and legal systems. Rape survivors supported by advocates were 59% more likely to have police reports taken than survivors without advocates, whose reports were only taken 41% of the time.

Advocates help victims heal. When advocates are present in the legal and medical proceedings following rape, victims fare better in both the short- and long-term recovery, experiencing less psychological distress, physical health struggles, sexual risk-taking behaviors, self-blame, guilt, and depression.

SASP funds support underserved communities. Grants to culturally specific organizations help support intervention and related assistance for underserved victims and communities of color.