

**Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services
Funding Announcement**

Application Timeline:

Applications due in EBS by 11:59 pm December 6, 2024

Applications reviewed by CFWYI staff December 9, 2024 – December 20, 2024

Applicants notified of award decision by January 15, 2025

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement (hereinafter the "CFWYI") is soliciting applications for competitive funding under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services Grant Program to Support Survivors of Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to as "FVPSA CORE"). The purposes of the subgrants awarded by CFWYI through this pass-through program are to: (1) assist states in efforts to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and (2) assist states in efforts to provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents (42 U.S.C. § 10401(b)(1)-(2)).

PROGRAM SCOPE

Activities supported by this program are determined by state and federal statutes and federal regulations. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation, all applicable award conditions, and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-specific implementing regulations. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards are codified at 45 CFR Part 75. All FVPSA grants from CFWYI are **reimbursement** grants. Reimbursement reports are submitted monthly.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible entities include government agencies or nonprofit private organizations (including faith-based and charitable organizations, community-based organizations, tribal organizations, and voluntary associations) that assist victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, and that have a documented history of effective work concerning family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

An entity may apply, but will not be eligible for a grant until the entity has prequalified through a series of threshold requirements including:

1. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) replacing Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System: UEIs are replacing Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers. As of April 4, 2022, all applicants must

have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on file to apply for federal funds. The UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric value, and it is managed, granted, and owned by the government. UEIs are generated directly in SAM.gov.

2. The organization must have been in existence for at least five years. A non-profit organization must be a 501(c)(3) in good standing and not have any current revocations.
3. All eligible organizations must have at least a three-year history of working to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; or offer immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents in the State of North Carolina.

HOW to APPLY

FVPSA CORE subgrant recipients are required to submit application documents related to the funding. Application documents consist of the project narrative/scope of work and a budget; completed applications and all required documentation are to be submitted through Enterprise Business Services (EBS) no later than 11:59 pm (ET) on **Friday, December 6, 2024**.

EBS is the grant management system used by CFWYI. Applicants must register and create a Grantee Profile if they do not already have an existing Profile. Follow these instructions to create an [EBS Profile](#).

GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications and complete budget must be received in the grants management system (EBS) by December 6, 2024. When in EBS, select the program "FFY 24-25 SHELTER" if you're applying for the Supportive Services and Immediate Shelter program or "FFY 24-25 PREVENTION" if you're applying for the Supportive Services and Prevention program. Then click the "Create an Actual Budget" button to upload this "Application Form" and submit an Actual Budget.

APPLICATION REVIEW

CFWYI staff will review all applications based on the following criteria:

- The completeness of the grant application including the project description and purpose, the sustainability plan and the applicant's history of working with those impacted by domestic violence and intimate partner violence;
- Whether the grant application is within the purpose areas of the funding;
- The applicant's eligibility;
- Whether the grant application, the applicant, and the project are in compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules;
- Whether the proposed expenditures set forth in the project budget are allowable and allocable;
- Whether the applicant has any federal and/or state debt delinquency;
- Any and all risks associated with granting funds to the applicant;
- Whether the applicant is debarred or suspended by any federal or state department or agency; and
- Whether the applicant maintains a current registration in SAM and has an active DUNS number.

GRANT AWARD PROCESS

The FVPSA program requires that CFWYI award a percentage of funds to Shelter Programs and another percentage to Prevention Programs.

- **Shelter Programs** - Not less than 70% of the total funds awarded must be to programs whose primary purpose is to provide immediate shelter and supportive services to adult and youth victims of domestic violence.
- **Prevention Programs** - Not less than 25% of the total funds awarded must be to programs whose primary purpose is to provide supportive services and prevention services.

CFWYI plans to award a total of 42 FVPSA CORE grants through the competitive application process. The grant awards are for a twenty-month period.

The period of grant performance is:

- December 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, for Year 1
- December 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026, for Year 2, but pre-award costs for Year 2 will be allowed if incurred during the months of October or November 2025

Year 2 funding is contingent on the criteria listed below.

35 grant awards are designated for Shelter Programs.

- Award amount Year 1: \$78,706.10 per shelter agency.
- Award amount Year 2: funding amount is contingent on the availability of FVPSA funding. Subgrantee must remain in compliance with reporting requirements (timely submission for PPR and reimbursement) and fiscal compliance. The organization must also submit a Year 2 budget for approval. A due date for the Year 2 budget will be provided later. A second application will not be required unless there is a change of program scope.

One grant award is designated for the Statewide Coalition

- Award amount Year 1: \$98,382.63 NCCADV Allocation
- Award amount Year 2: funding amount is contingent on the availability of FVPSA funding. Subgrantee must remain in compliance with reporting requirements (timely submission for PPR and reimbursement) and fiscal compliance. The organization must also submit a Year 2 budget for approval. A due date for the Year 2 budget will be provided later. A second application will not be required unless there is a change of program scope.

Seven grant awards are designated for Prevention Programs.

- Award amount Year 1: \$126,491.95 per prevention agency.
- Award amount Year 2: funding amount is contingent on the availability of FVPSA funding. Subgrantee must remain in compliance with reporting requirements (timely submission for PPR and reimbursement) and fiscal compliance. The organization must also submit a Year 2 budget for approval. A due date for the Year 2 budget will be provided later. A second application will not be required unless there is a change of program scope.

PROJECT PERIOD:

The first year of the grant award period shall be December 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. It is expected that subgrantees will maximize the use of the Year 1 award to receive the second year of funding, and CFWYI will reassess subgrantees' risk before setting Year 2 award amounts.

The second year of the grant award period shall be December 1, 2025 - September 2026, but pre-award costs for Year 2 will be allowed if incurred during the months of October or November 2025.

YEAR 1: All outstanding expenses must be paid, and the Final Reimbursement Report must be submitted via EBS within 30 days of the project end date of September 30, 2025, for Year 1. October 30, 2025, is the deadline for submission of the Final Reimbursement Report for Year 1.

YEAR 2: All outstanding expenses must be paid, and the Final Reimbursement Report must be submitted via EBS within 30 days of the project end date of September 30, 2026, for Year 2. October 30, 2026, is the deadline for submission of the Final Reimbursement Report for Year 2.

For the two-year period, all projects must conclude, and all funding obligations must be made no later than September 30, 2026.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

All applicants awarded funding from CFWYI must agree to:

1. Enter into a Grant Agreement between CFWYI and the applicant agency and agree to abide by all provisions of the Grant Agreement.
2. Enter into agreement to abide by all Special Conditions detailed in the Certified Assurances and Special Conditions.
3. Submit all reports in the prescribed format and time frames determined by CFWYI.
4. Cooperate with monitoring and site visits from CFWYI when deemed necessary by CFWYI.
5. Comply with federal guidelines contained within 45 C.F.R.

PURPOSE AREAS

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 10408(a) and 42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1)(A)), funds under this program must be used to prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence by providing immediate shelter and supportive services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence (and their dependents), or to provide prevention services to prevent future incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.

Permissible uses of funds under 42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1) include:

- A. provision, on a regular basis, of immediate shelter and related supportive services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, including paying for the operating and administrative expenses of the facilities for such shelter;
- B. assistance in developing safety plans and supporting efforts of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being;

- C. provision of individual and group counseling, peer support groups, and referral to community-based services to assist family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence victims, and their dependents, in recovering from the effects of the violence;
- D. provision of services, training, technical assistance, and outreach to increase awareness of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and increase the accessibility of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence services;
- E. provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services;
- F. provision of services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including age-appropriate counseling, supportive services, and services for the nonabusing parent that support that parent's role as a caregiver, which may, as appropriate, include services that work with the nonabusing parent and child together;
- G. provision of advocacy, case management services, and information and referral services concerning issues related to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence intervention and prevention, including—
 - i. assistance in accessing related federal and state financial assistance programs;
 - ii. legal advocacy to assist victims and their dependents;
 - iii. medical advocacy, including provision of referrals for appropriate health care services (including mental health, alcohol, and drug abuse treatment), which does not include reimbursement for any health care services;
 - iv. assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homelessness prevention services;
 - v. provision of transportation, child care, respite care, job training and employment services, financial literacy services and education, financial planning, and related economic empowerment services; and
 - vi. parenting and other educational services for victims and their dependents (42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1)(G)); and
- H. Provision of prevention services, including outreach to underserved populations (42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1)(H))

PRIORITY AREA

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 10407(a)(2)(B)(iii), the state will give special emphasis to the support of community-based projects of demonstrated effectiveness that are carried out by nonprofit private organizations and that have as their primary purpose the operation of shelters for victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their dependents; or provide counseling, advocacy, and self-help services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their dependents.

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

Personnel, employee benefits, and the cost of supplies and travel to perform the following activities are allowable costs:

- *Prevention* services such as outreach, parenting, employment training, educational services, promotion of good nutrition, disease prevention, and substance abuse prevention.

- *Counseling* with respect to family violence, counseling or other supportive services provided by peers, either individually or in groups, and referral to community social services.
- *Safety plan* development and supporting the efforts of victims to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being.
- *Culturally and linguistically* appropriate services such as interpreters and/or having documents translated into other languages.
- *Technical assistance* with respect to obtaining financial assistance under Federal and State programs.
- *Housing advocacy* to assist in locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homeless prevention services.
- *Medical advocacy* including referrals for healthcare services (including mental health and alcohol and drug abuse treatment), but shall not include reimbursement for any healthcare services.
- *Legal advocacy* to provide victims with information and assistance through the civil and criminal courts, and legal assistance.
- *Children's counseling* and support services, and childcare services for children who are victims of family violence of the dependents of such victims, and children who witness domestic violence.
- Physical modification to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).
- Purchase of vehicles. Prior approval required.

The following costs are allowable for shelters that provide emergency housing to victims:

- *Operating expenses* (rent, utilities, etc.) of the facilities for a shelter at a prorated amount.
- *Supplies* for shelter including clothing and toiletries.

The following costs are allowable for the purpose of preventing future incidence of violence:

- *Transportation* for victims and their families.
- *Temporary refuge* for emergency and immediate shelter including safe homes, rental subsidies, and hotel vouchers. This does not include transitional or permanent housing.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. CONFIDENTIALITY

To ensure the safety of adult, youth, and child victims of family violence, domestic violence, or 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 domestic violence services.

Subgrantees may not disclose, reveal, or release personally identifying information (PII) or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through grantees' and subgrantees' programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected.

PII includes information such as an individual's name, address, other contact information, and social security number, but it also can include information such as an individual's race, birth date, or number of children if, in the particular circumstances, that information would identify the individual.

FVPSA-funded programs cannot disclose any 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)).

2. TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES AND INTERVENTIONS

Effective interventions and trauma-informed practices need to be in place to build skills and capacities that contribute to the healthy, positive, and productive functioning of individuals and families. An important component of promoting social and emotional well-being includes addressing the impact of trauma, which can have a profound effect on the overall functioning of victims of family violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and their dependents.

3. ACCESSIBILITY

To comply with federal law, services must be widely accessible to all victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their dependents. Subgrantees must not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, disability, race, color, national origin, or religion (42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(2)).

- *Sex or Gender Identity*: No person shall, on the ground of actual or perceived sex, including gender identity, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part through FVPSA. FVPSA grantees and subgrantees must provide comparable services to victims regardless of actual or perceived sex, including gender identity. This includes providing access to services for all victims, including male victims of family, domestic, and dating violence and not limiting services for victims with adolescent children (under the age of 18). Victims and their minor children must be sheltered or housed together unless requested otherwise by the victim. 45 CFR § 1370.5(a).

- *Sexual Orientation:* No person shall on the ground of actual or perceived sexual orientation be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part through FVPSA. 45 CFR § 1370.5(c).
- *Disability:* An individual with a disability shall not, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by an Executive agency. 29 U.S.C. 794(a).
- *Religious Freedom:* Programs shall not, in providing services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. 45 CFR § 1370.5(b).
- *Limited English Proficiency:* Subgrantees are required to take reasonable steps to provide services to persons with limited English proficiency (i.e., individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English, including Deaf and hard of hearing persons).
- *Immigration Status:* All FVPSA-funded services must be provided without requiring documentation of immigration status since FVPSA-funded services do not fall within the definition of federal public benefit that would require verification of immigration status. 45 CFR § 1370.5(d).
- *Human Trafficking:* FVPSA-funded programs are strongly encouraged to safely screen for and identify victims of human trafficking who are also victims or survivors of domestic violence or dating violence and to provide services that support their unique needs. 45 CFR § 1370.10(d).
- *Voluntary Services:* Services must be provided on a voluntary basis, and no condition may be applied for the receipt of emergency shelter. 42 U.S.C. § 10408(d)(2).
- *Inappropriate Screening:* Subgrantees cannot impose conditions for admission to shelter by applying inappropriate screening methods, such as criminal background checks, sobriety requirements, requirements to obtain specific legal remedies, or mental health or substance use disorder screenings. 45 CFR § 1370.10(b)(10).
- *Income:* Services and resources supported by FVPSA cannot have any income eligibility requirements imposed upon individuals seeking to access those services and resources. FVPSA funded programs also cannot charge fees for the services provided.

4. BACKGROUND CHECKS

Subgrantees are required to perform background checks on all employees and volunteers who work directly with victims/survivors biennially. At a minimum, agencies should complete background checks through the local police department or background check company.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Administrative costs are an allowable expense but are limited to 10% of the total grant funded budget. Administrative costs include time to complete FVPSA required time and attendance sheets and programmatic documentation, reports, and required statistics; and administrative time to collect and maintain satisfaction surveys and needs assessments used to improve services delivery within the FVPSA funded project.

INELIGIBLE BUDGET ITEMS

The budget items listed below are ineligible and will not be supported by this program's funding:

- Direct financial assistance to a client such as cash, gift cards, or checks.
- Moving costs for victims.
- Food and beverages except emergency food and beverages for victims.
- Lobbying.
- Fundraising (including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions) and time spent procuring funding (including completing federal and state funding applications).
- Purchase of real estate.
- Construction.
- Overtime is allowed, but to claim the increased rate, there must be a separate line item in the budget that includes the overtime rate of pay.

CONTRACTORS & CONSULTANTS

When a subrecipient contracts for work or services, the following is required:

1. All contractual services must be obtained through a procurement method. Verification of this method must be supplied upon completion of contract.
2. All consultant and contractual services must be supported by written contracts signed by all parties stating the services to be performed, rate of compensation, and length of time over which the services will be provided.
3. A copy of all written contracts for contractual or consultant services must be uploaded in the "Attachments" section of the grant application in EBS upon their execution.
4. Payments must be supported by statements outlining the services rendered, date of service, and cost of service.
5. Any consultant costs exceeding the maximum allowable rate (maximum of \$81.25 per hour or \$650 per day) will not be allowed.

INDIRECT COSTS

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Indirect costs are those that benefit more than one activity and are common or joint purpose costs.

Requesting indirect costs is optional. Applicants do not have to request indirect costs, but it is allowable. To calculate indirect costs, applicants must first determine the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) amount of the

project budget. Indirect costs that can be requested are not based on the entire project budget, but on the MTDC amount.

Applicants have two options when requesting Indirect Costs: 1) using a formal Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (ICRA); or 2) using a *de minimis* rate. These two options are outlined below.

1. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (ICRA)

This is a formal rate agreement that an organization has applied for and received from the federal cognizant agency. Organizations will have a letter or other documentation that lists the federally negotiated rate. The rate in the ICRA must be accepted, unless otherwise specified by the federal awarding agency.

Applicants can request the percentage (as outlined in the ICRA) of the MTDC of their budget for indirect costs. If the applicant has an ICRA, the approved agreement must be uploaded in the "Attachment" section of the application in EBS.

2. De Minimis Rate

This can be used by organizations that have never had a federally approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. Under this approach, subgrantees can use a rate of up to 15% of the MTDC of their budget for indirect costs.

If an applicant elects to use the *de minimis* rate of 15% of MTDC, then it must provide a list of indirect costs, and the calculation used to determine the amount charged. If an applicant elects to include indirect costs in their proposed grant budget, this election must be included in the Budget Narrative section of the application.

MATCH REQUIREMENT

Matching or cost sharing means the portion of the project costs not paid by federal funds. Match is typically stated as a percentage of the total project costs for an award.

Grants awarded through the FVPSA program are subject to the matching requirements in 42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(4). No grant shall be made to any entity other than a State or Tribe unless the entity agrees that, with respect to the cost to be incurred by the entity in carrying out the program or project for which the grant is awarded, the entity will make available (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-federal contributions in an amount that is not less than \$1 for every \$5 of federal funds provided under the grant or 20% of the project cost. The non-federal contributions required may be in cash or in kind.

Additionally, per 2 CFR 200.306(b), matching funds must be: verifiable from the subgrantee's records; not included as contributions for any other federal award; necessary and reasonable for the accomplishment of the project or program objectives; allowable under subpart E; not paid by the federal government under another federal award, except where authorized by federal statute; included in the subgrantee's approved budget; and conform to all other provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

TRAVEL COSTS

Expenses and reimbursements for in-state and out-of-state travel must follow the most current federal travel policy or the subrecipient's travel policy, whichever is more restrictive.

PROGRAM COSTS

Costs must meet the following criteria:

1. Costs must be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. Costs must conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in 45 C.F.R. Part 75 or the FVPSA Grant Program Requirements.
3. Costs must be consistent with policies and procedures of the FVPSA grant program and applied uniformly.
4. Costs must be adequately documented with supporting materials including receipts, invoices, timesheets, paystubs, etc.

SUPLANTING

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant non-federal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Supplanting occurs when a state, local, or tribal government reduces state, local, or tribal funds for an activity specifically because federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity.

MONITORING

All grant awards will be monitored by a CFWYI FVPSA Compliance Monitoring team using a combination of desk reviews and site visits. Additionally, the FVPSA team will review all submitted reports for timeliness and accuracy. Delinquencies and report contents will be addressed as needed by staff. Late and repeated incorrect reports could disqualify subrecipients from future funding.

AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. Part 75, specifically, § 200.500 *et seq.*, recipients of federal funds are subject to annual audit requirements.

- *Audit required:* A non-federal entity that expends \$1,000,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of this part. § 200.501(a).
- *Single audit:* A non-federal entity that expends \$1,000,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single audit conducted in accordance with § 200.514 except when it elects to have a program-specific audit conducted in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section. § 200.501(b).
- *Program-specific audit election:* When an entity expends Federal awards under only one Federal program (excluding research and development) and the Federal program's statutes or regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Federal award, do not require a financial statement audit of the entity,

the entity may elect to have a program-specific audit conducted in accordance with § 200.507. § 200.501(c).

- *Exemption when federal awards expended are less than \$1,000,000:* A non-federal entity that expends less than \$1,000,000 during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in § 200.503 (Relation to other audit requirements), but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials. § 200.501(e).

APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

The following are definitions that will be used in carrying out FVPSA-funded program and activities. Definitions include those expanded or clarified through language found in 45 CFR § 1370.2.

Dating Violence: Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: The length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. This part of the definition reflects the definition also found in Section 40002(a)(10) of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) (as amended), 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a), as required by FVPSA. Dating violence also includes but is not limited to the physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional violence within a dating relationship, including stalking. It can happen in person or electronically and may involve financial abuse or other forms of manipulation which may occur between a current or former dating partner regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Domestic Violence: Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction. This definition also reflects the statutory definition of "domestic violence" found in Section 40002(a)(8) of VAWA (as amended), 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a). This definition also includes but is not limited to criminal or non-criminal acts constituting intimidation, control, coercion and coercive control, emotional and psychological abuse and behavior, expressive and psychological aggression, financial abuse, harassment, tormenting behavior, disturbing or alarming behavior, and additional acts recognized in other federal, tribal state, and local laws as well as acts in other federal regulatory or sub-regulatory guidance. This definition is not intended to be interpreted more restrictively than FVPSA and VAWA but rather to be inclusive of other, more expansive definitions. The definition applies to individuals and relationships regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Family Violence: Any act or threatened act of violence, including any forceful detention of an individual that results or threatens to result in physical injury and is committed by a person against another individual, to or with whom such person is related by blood or marriage, or is or was otherwise legally related, or is or was lawfully residing.

Personally Identifying Information or Personal 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, including 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.

Primary Prevention: Strategies, policies, and programs to stop both first-time perpetration and first-time victimization. Primary prevention is stopping domestic and dating violence before they occur. Primary prevention includes but is not limited to: School-based violence prevention curricula, programs aimed at mitigating the effects on children of witnessing domestic or dating violence, community campaigns designed to alter norms and values conducive to domestic or dating violence, worksite prevention programs, and training and education in parenting skills and self-esteem enhancement.

Secondary Prevention: Identifying risk factors or problems that may lead to future family, domestic, or dating violence, and taking the necessary actions to eliminate the risk factors and the potential problem, and may include, but are not limited to, healing services for children and youth who have been exposed to domestic or dating violence, home visiting programs for high-risk families, and screening programs in health care settings.

Shelter: The provision of temporary refuge in conjunction with supportive services in compliance with applicable state or tribal law or regulations governing the provision, on a regular basis, of shelter, safe homes, meals, and supportive services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents.

State and tribal law governing the provision of shelter and supportive services on a regular basis is interpreted by ACF to mean, for example, the laws and regulations applicable to zoning, fire safety, and other regular safety, and operational requirements, including state, tribal, or local regulatory standards for certifying domestic violence advocates who work in shelter. This definition also includes emergency shelter and immediate shelter, which may include housing provision, rental subsidies, temporary refuge, or lodging in properties that could be individual units for families and individuals (such as apartments) in multiple locations around a local jurisdiction, tribe/reservation, or state; such properties are not required to be owned, operated, or leased by the program. Temporary refuge includes a residential service, including shelter and off-site services such as hotel or motel vouchers or individual dwellings, which is not transitional or permanent housing, but must also provide comprehensive supportive services. The mere act of making a referral to shelter or housing shall not itself be considered provision of shelter. Should other jurisdictional laws conflict with this definition of temporary refuge, the definition which provides more expansive housing accessibility governs.

Supportive Services: Services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, 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 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 or their dependents in recovering from the effects of the violence. To the extent not already described in this definition, supportive services also include but are not limited to other services identified in FVPSA at 42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1)(A-H). Supportive services may be directly provided by grantees and/or by providing advocacy or referrals to assist victims in accessing such services.

Underserved Populations: 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 or the Secretary’s designee to be underserved.