

**State of Maine**  
**Master Score Sheet**

**RFP# 202406108**

**STOP Violence Against Women Grant**

<b>Bidder Name:</b>		<b>Lewiston Police Dept.</b>	<b>Waldo County Sheriff Office</b>	<b>Maine Judicial Branch</b>	<b>Maine Prosecutors Association</b>
<b>Proposed Cost:</b>		<b>\$105,816</b>	<b>\$127,379</b>	<b>\$72,200</b>	<b>\$ 262,479</b>
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30	30	30	30
Section III: Proposed Services	40	40	40	35	40
Section IV: Cost Proposal	30	30	30	30	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Bidder Name:</b>		<b>Caring Unlimited - LAV</b>	<b>Caring Unlimited Outreach</b>	<b>Family Violence - Building Bridges</b>	<b>Family Violence - Strengthening Justice</b>
<b>Proposed Cost:</b>		<b>\$40,637</b>	<b>\$44,960</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
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Section III: Proposed Services	40	40	40	30	35
Section IV: Cost Proposal	30	29	30	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>

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		Bidder Name:	Her Safety Net	Hope and Justice	Maine Community Integration	Maine General
		Proposed Cost:	\$61,500	\$72,978	\$168,435	\$186,057
Scoring Sections		Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information		Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience		30	30	30	15	20
Section III: Proposed Services		40	38	40	30	30
Section IV: Cost Proposal		30	28	30	25	20
TOTAL		100	96	100	70	70
		Bidder Name:	Maine Transgender Network	MECASA	NextStep	Partner for Peace
		Proposed Cost:	\$173,867	\$103,144	\$69,200	\$67,659
Scoring Sections		Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information		Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience		30	30	30	30	30
Section III: Proposed Services		40	30	40	40	40
Section IV: Cost Proposal		30	25	30	29	30
TOTAL		100	85	100	99	100

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Bidder Name:		Pine Tree Legal	Rape Response Service	Safe Voices - Criminal Justice	Safe Voices - Franklin County
Proposed Cost:		\$82,981	\$52,438	\$45,000	\$55,000
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30	30	30	30
Section III: Proposed Services	40	40	35	40	40
Section IV: Cost Proposal	30	30	30	29	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>
Bidder Name:		Sexual Assault Supp Svc Midcoast Maine (SASSMM)	Through These Doors	United Somali Women	
Proposed Cost:		\$124,228	\$66,136	\$151,162	
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30	30	0	
Section III: Proposed Services	40	35	40	25	
Section IV: Cost Proposal	30	30	30	20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>45</b>	

**Award Justification Statement  
STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant  
RFA #202406108**

**I. Summary**

The Maine Department of Public Safety was seeking proposals from eligible applicants for grant projects under the STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) to support Maine communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to respond to violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. Violence against women crimes include sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Eligible applicants were state and units of local government; Indian tribal governments; courts, tribal courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts; public or private nonprofit organizations; victim services programs; community-based organizations; and, faith-based organizations in Maine.

**II. Evaluation Process**

The Justice Assistance Council (JAC) developed Committees to review and evaluate STOP Formula Grant proposals in four categories. These four categories are: Law Enforcement, Courts, Prosecution, and Victim Services. Each committee includes members that have subject matter expertise regarding the applications that they evaluate.

After the committees met, the proposal's consensus score and the committee recommendations were presented to the JAC who discussed the merits of each proposal then voted to approve or disapprove each of the Committees recommendations.

**III. Qualifications & Experience**

- Long standing program
- Good support letters
- Collaboration agreements

**IV. Proposed Services**

- Services were in accordance with OVW STOP grant requirements
- Measurable achievable goals
- Innovative approach
- Provided strong problem identification and how their proposal could make a positive difference



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**V. Cost Proposal**

- Expenses align with project proposed
- Budget easy to understand
- Budget narrative providing substantial detail to support costs

**VI. Conclusion**

Throughout the evaluation process, all proposals were scored regarding to their ability to meet the requirements of the RFA. Those proposals that provided the best explanation of their qualifications and experience; provided data supported problem with achievable countermeasure actions; for a realistic cost, received the highest scores.

Law Enforcement Applications – we received two proposals; both applicants met the preliminary information/eligibility for STOP funds. Proposals were reviewed and scored on qualifications/experience, proposed services and budget details. STOP Grant Funds will be awarded to both applicants.

Court Applications - there was only one proposal received and they met the preliminary information/eligibility for STOP funds. Proposal was reviewed and scored on qualifications/experience, proposed services and budget details. STOP Grant Funds will be awarded to the applicant.

Prosecutor Applications – there was only one proposal received and they met the preliminary information/eligibility for STOP funds. Proposal was reviewed and scored on qualifications/experience, proposed services and budget details. STOP Grant Funds will be awarded to the applicant.

Victim Service Applications – we received nineteen proposals, and all applications met the preliminary information/eligibility for STOP funds. Proposals were reviewed and scored on qualifications/experience, proposed services and budget details. STOP Grant Funds will be awarded to the eleven applicants receiving the highest scores.



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September 16, 2024

Lewiston Police Department  
Attn: Ms. Ashley Wade  
171 Park Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Dear Ms. Wade,

This letter is regarding the subject Application Request, issued by the State of Maine Department of Public Safety for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant. The Department and the Justice Assistance Council have evaluated the proposals and are hereby announcing their conditional contract awards to the following bidders:

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Sincerely,

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Waldo County Sheriff's Office  
Attn: Sheriff Jason Trundy  
6 Public Safety Way  
Belfast, ME 04915

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Dear Sheriff Trundy,

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Maine Judicial Branch  
Attn: Ms. Amanda Doherty  
125 Presumpscot St. (PO Box 4820)  
Portland, ME 04112

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Maine Prosecutors Association through the Office of the Attorney General  
Attn: Ms. Shira Burns  
6 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Dear Ms. Burns,

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Caring Unlimited - LAV  
Attn: Ms. Susan Giambalvo  
965 Main Street  
Sanford, ME 04073

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Dear Ms. Giambalvo,

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Family Violence Project – Building Bridges  
Attn: Ms. Pamela Morin  
83 Western Avenue  
Augusta, ME 04330

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Family Violence Project – Strengthening Justice  
Attn: Ms. Pamela Morin  
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Her Safety Net  
Attn: Ms. Amina Hassan  
11 Westminster Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240

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Hope and Justice  
Attn: Ms. Courtney Chasse  
5 Erskine Street  
Presque Isle, ME 04769

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202406108 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

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Maine Community Integration  
Attn: MS. Fowsia Musse  
11 Lisbon Street, Units 104/105  
Lewiston, ME 04240

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Maine General Medical Center  
Attn: MS. Janelynn Deprey  
35 Medical Center Parkway  
Augusta, Maine 04330

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Maine Transgender Network INC  
Attn: Ms. Bre Danvers-Kidman  
15 Casco Street  
Portland, ME 04101

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Attn: Ms. Elizabeth Ward Saxl  
45 Memorial Circle, Suite 302  
Augusta, ME 04330

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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NextStep Domestic Violence Project  
Attn: Ms. Kelly Brown  
PO Box 1466  
Ellsworth, ME 04605

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Partners for Peace  
Attn: Ms. Angie Alfonso  
77 Essex Street  
Bangor, ME 04401

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Pine Tree Legal Assistance  
Attn: Ms. Lucia Hunt  
88 Federal Street, PO Box 547  
Portland, ME 04112

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Rape Response Services  
Attn: MS. Tamar Mathieu  
262 Harlow Street  
Bangor, Maine 04401

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Safe Voices – Criminal Justice  
Attn: Ms. Rebecca Austin  
100 Lisbon Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



**Michael J. Sauschuck**  
Commissioner

September 16, 2024

Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine  
Attn: Ms. Arian G. Clements  
124 Main Street, Ste 213  
Brunswick, ME 04011

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202406108 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Dear MS. Clements,

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September 16, 2024

Through These Doors  
Attn: Ms. Jenny Stasio  
100 Humphries Rd  
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202406108 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Dear Ms. Stasio,

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Commissioner

September 16, 2024

UNITED SOMALI WOMEN OF MAINE  
Attn: MS. FATUMA HUSSEIN  
1220 Lisbon Street  
Lewiston Maine 04240

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202406108 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Dear MS. Hussein,

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**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Lisa Marches, and Heather Putnam

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible law enforcement provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP LE funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**



**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Lewiston PD has a strong history of work in this area and is uniquely positioned to carry out the proposed activities.
- Entity is very well qualified to complete this project.
- Applicant is in good standing with the Department of Public Safety.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Proposed project period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- This is a continuation project “Proactive Response Team in DV cases” and partners with Safe Voices.
- The Proactive Response team enhance the relationship with the victim and produce more comprehensive investigations and more favorable outcomes for both victims and families.
- GOAL: increase the number of positive/productive interactions with dv victims.
- Project has done some great work in prior years and Lewiston PD has included some data and success stories.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	.	Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
	.			<b>30</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**Budget Provided**

- Budget amount for the project work is reasonable.
- Adequate Match was provided in their application/budget. Project Team Lead is Match funds.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

- Demonstrates strong, ongoing partnership with Safe Voices in the best interest of the victims.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Waldo County Sheriff Office

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Lisa Marchese, and Heather Putnam

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
• Applicant must be eligible law enforcement provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP LE funding.	X	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30
Section III. Proposed Services	40	40
Section IV. Cost Proposal	30	30
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Waldo County Sheriff Office

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Waldo County Sheriff Office is the appropriate lead for this project.
- Waldo County SO meets the qualification and experience criteria of similar situated agencies.
- Collaboration across counties (Knox & Waldo) with New Hope.
- Overall good experience with all agencies involved.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Project Period 10/1/24 – 6/30/2026

- Collaboration with New Hope Midcoast and Knox County SO in expanding support for DV in the two-county area.
- Hire a law enforcement officer to work in Knox and Waldo County to partner with New Hope for women to establish a community response for victims of domestic violence.
- Waldo provided a good description of project work and provided details of partnerships to accomplish the work.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Waldo County Sheriff Office

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				<b>30</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Budget is reasonable, they are looking to fund 21 months of project work.
- Required Match is provided \$46,204.
- Budget was clear, easy to follow and aligns with project activities.
- Twelve months of expenses would be an appropriate level to consider at this time

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Coordinated approach to meet the need of ongoing assistance to support survivors and families.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Rebecca Austin, Heather Putnam, and Lisa Marchese

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible entity of the Courts or meet the criteria to receive STOP CT funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

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**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Maine Judicial Branch has a long history of engaging with both victims and perpetrators of violence in the civil and criminal justice systems.
- Maine Judicial also noted they use the expertise of Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Center for Justice Innovation as critical partners.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
- Applicant outlines the need for best-practice standards for specialty domestic violence dockets across Maine and ongoing training and technical assistance for the judicial branch staff assigned to the dockets.
- Project also provided forward thinking in part to a response to potential legislation and implementation of proposal LD 2103.
- Applicant provided a timeline for each phase of project.
- Primary goals:
  - 1) More clearly designed DV court model statewide
  - 2) Respond to LD 2103 an act to protect victims of domestic abuse and violence by amending the law regarding proximity restrictions in final protection from abuse orders.
- Applicant checked the box that this project meaningfully address sexual assault; however, they did not provide any information in the application to support this.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Budget request is \$72,200 for project. This exceeds the available funds for courts.
- Match being provided \$30,954 exceeds the requirement
- Utilize consultants and state resources to send judges for exposure to national training.
- Budget is reasonable given contracting for services noted.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Extensive technical support and training from the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI)



**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Rebecca Austin, and Heather Putnam

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Prosecutor entity or meet the criteria to receive STOP Prosecutor funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Maine Prosecutors Association is the only statewide association of district attorneys and uniquely qualified to carry out the intentions of the proposal.
- Maine Prosecutors Association has an extensive history of prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault cases, particularly the York County office.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III**

**Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Proposed Project period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
- Specialized DV and SA prosecution in York County with related training and technical assistance for prosecutors statewide regarding best practices.
- Applicant notes collaborative multidisciplinary approach helps to create better outcomes for survivors.
- Application provided goals, objectives, activities and timelines. It was very easy to follow the intention of the project and the scope of the work to be done.
- Applicant noted 30% work under this project meaningfully addresses SA.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				<b>30</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>29</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Budget is \$262,479 which is slightly more than available funds for prosecutor category
- Match provided \$131,239 exceeds the required amount of match.
- Reasonable budget, easy to follow.
- Budget total on summary was blank but individual categories were documented and outlined items for the total request.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Applicant has two signed collaborative agreements. One with DV service provider and one with SA service provider.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Caring Unlimited LAV

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
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<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>99</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Caring Unlimited LAV

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Caring Unlimited has provided support and safety planning to anyone victimized in an intimate relationship since 1977.
- Very well qualified, only DV agency for York County.
- Strong organization with extensive experience throughout.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- Continued funding to support current Legal Assistance for Victims project for DV survivors.
- Provide a comprehensive array of direct services and work with the community to end domestic violence through prevention programs and systems change advocacy.
- Legal team is supervised by senior attorney who has practiced law since 1991 and has been with Caring Unlimited since 2006.
- Funds will partially support salaries of five person legal service team.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Caring Unlimited LAV

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	29

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Budget is reasonable and services are very much needed.
- No match is required.
- Budget categories are complete and equal amount requested; however, summary page was not completed.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Caring Unlimited Outreach

**DATE:** September 5, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Caring Unlimited Outreach

**DATE:** September 5, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Caring Unlimited has provided support and safety planning to anyone victimized in an intimate relationship since 1977.
- Very well qualified, only DV agency for York County.
- Strong organization with extensive experience throughout.
- They have critical community collaborations in place necessary for a Coordinated Community response, especially with the civil justice system, district attorney's office, law enforcement, child protective services, and other social service providers.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- Increasing the safety of victims and improving response of law enforcement through collaboration, advocate initiated contact with victims referred by law enforcement, and consultation/training.
- Caring Unlimited requests STOP grant funding to maintain the scope and capacity of one of our core victims' services, the Outreach Services Program. The project maintains the availability of key advocacy services for victims of domestic violence in York County and promotes effective coordinated community response.



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**BIDDER:** Caring Unlimited Outreach

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				<b>30</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses \$44,960 all salary and fringe of 4 partially funded existing positions.
- Budget is reasonable and services are very much needed.
- No match is required.
- Budget categories are complete and equal amount requested

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Family Violence – Building Bridges

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	X	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30
Section III. Proposed Services	40	30
Section IV. Cost Proposal	30	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>60</u>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- FVP is a member of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. FVP is the only domestic violence resource center providing services to victims of domestic abuse, stalking, and human trafficking in the proposed area.
- Very experienced, DV Resource Center for Kennebec and Somerset County.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- Continued outreach and collaboration across several agencies to support survivors.
- Family Violence Project (FVP) seeks funding to expand its Building Bridges Program to rural health centers, addressing critical gaps in services for victims and survivors of domestic abuse, human trafficking, and stalking in underserved rural areas. The new focus for the advocate will help to address the inconsistent referral and support systems in our rural areas.
- FVP proposes the expansion of its Building Bridges Program to rural health centers, building on the successful partnerships and processes established with local homeless shelters, Maine General Medical Center, and other more urban healthcare providers.
- Some information provided was incomplete and/or missing information.
- No consultation/collaboration form provided.
- Places containing ED signature were not dated.

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**BIDDER:** Family Violence – Building Bridges

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	0

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- No budget summary information was provided in the application.
- Budget sections/categories that would offer a breakdown is also blank.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Missing information, project timeline and detailed information on the capacity to carry out the proposed project.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Family Violence – Strengthening Justice

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>65</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Family Violence – Strengthening Justice

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- FVP is a member of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. FVP is the only domestic violence resource center providing services to victims of domestic abuse, stalking, and human trafficking in the proposed area.
- The agency has 45 years of experience State of Maine
- The agency provides proactive and responsive services. These services include a 24/7 toll-free helpline, individualized safety plans, emergency hoteling, emergency shelter, and many other services.
- Grant will be administered by FVP executive director, Pam Morin, LSW, who has a long-standing career in domestic violence, program management, and personnel supervision. Heidi Hall, MBA, is an experienced accountant who has worked with FVP for over 20 years.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- New project, not a continuation. Collaboration mainly with law enforcement and courts.
- Family Violence Project (FVP) has identified critical service gaps through an 18-month strengthening rural advocacy program facilitated by PRAXIS International. Utilizing the Program Assessment for Social Change (PASC) methodology, FVP conducted a comprehensive evaluation involving mapping, staff and survivor focus groups, and text
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Section III. Proposed Services – con't)

analysis. This evaluation revealed significant deficiencies in both direct victim services and broader systems work within the two counties served by FVP.

- The proposed project aims to address these deficiencies by leveraging STOP funds to enhance the outreach program. These funds will enable outreach program employees to engage in systems work with local law enforcement and court districts, as well as to expand direct support services.
- All places where ED has signed are not dated.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	0

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- No budget information was included in the application.
- The budget and requested funds amount is blank as are all areas that would offer a breakdown of how funds would be spent.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Her Safety Net

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>96</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**



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**BIDDER:** Her Safety Net

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Since its founding in 2021, Her Safety Net has been dedicated to providing culturally specific services tailored for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities affected by domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.
- Her Safety Net is also a member of the AK Collaborative, a coalition of immigrant-led, community-based, and faith-based nonprofit organizations dedicated to working with immigrant and BIPOC communities.
- Collaborating with organizations like Safe Voices and as a member of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, Her Safety Net engages in policy advocacy to dismantle systemic barriers and inequities while safeguarding the rights of marginalized groups.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
- The proposed project is designed to meet the urgent need for culturally specific services tailored for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities who have been impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.
- Comprehensive advocacy services that are multilingual, culturally sensitive, and in safe spaces that honor the unique backgrounds and sensitivities of survivors.
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**BIDDER:** Her Safety Net

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Section III. Proposed Services (con't)

- The funds allocated to Her Safety Net will be utilized to support the wages of a Domestic Violence Advocate and project coordinator on Full-Time Equivalent basis.
- Application references Insurance and organizational chart but one was not attached.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	28

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Budget is \$61,500 and also provided \$20,295 match.
- The budget is reasonable.
- Personal Services section math is a bit confusing.
- The travel section says \$1,000 in JAC funds, but in the earlier narrative section it indicates 1,568 miles for client related travel at \$.50/mile, which would be \$784.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Thoughtful and clear application from emerging organization reflects collaborative approach in response to community needs.

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Hope & Justice

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**BIDDER:** Hope & Justice

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Incorporated in 1979
- Hope & Justice project is serving survivors of DV and SA in Aroostook County since 1979.
- ED has 24 years of experience in the field
- Employs 15 direct service advocates

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025 however, the MOU is described as 10/1/2024-6/30/2025.
- The criminal justice advocate will accompany law enforcement on their 48 hour follow up visits with survivors during the investigatory process. This will enhance safety planning and other aspects of the work. Will also enhance relationships with law enforcement. This is a service that existed pre-pandemic that the agency would like to reinstate.
- There is a statement of close collaboration with the Mikmaq and AMHC SA projects but no specific SA activities indicated.
- Not required but did provide agreement with law enforcement. Several signed agreements and letters of commitment.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	.	Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
	.			30	=	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Budget is reasonable for proposed project. \$72,978
- Almost all of which is salary, fringe, travel and some print materials for the new advocate.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Excellent project with MOU supported partnerships from law enforcement agencies.

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Community Integration

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	X	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	X	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	15
Section III. Proposed Services	40	30
Section IV. Cost Proposal	30	25
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>70</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202406108

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**BIDDER:** Maine Community Integration

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Multilingual and trained staff: Multilingual team, fluent in Somali, Arabic, and French, is expertly trained in domestic violence issues and trauma-informed care, ensuring empathetic and effective support.
- Applicant indicates they are a well-established organization specializing in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and sex trafficking within immigrant and refugee communities; however, MCI is not affiliated with either MCEDV or MECASA.
- They have not had the DV and SA training to align themselves in providing support.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
- Empowered Immigrant Women Unite (EIWU) will play a crucial role in the project by leveraging their extensive experience in health.
- Clear outline of activities that align with known community needs; however, application did not mention aligning services with what has already been done.
- Applicant names collaborative partnerships with local organizations, Family Crisis Services (which is no longer the name of the Cumberland County DVRC, it has been Through These Doors for several years) and MCEDV (which has no record of collaboration with this organization in the past decade).
- Valid description of the need; however, there were no letters of support from outside organization.

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**RFP #:** 202406108

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**BIDDER:** Maine Community Integration

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				<b>30</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>25</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$168,435 with \$90,000 match (project coordinator, 2 multilingual advocates and admin. support). There is \$10,000 requested for OOS conference attendance.
- Narrative aligns with the work being/activities. Large request of funds but it is needed to stand up a new organization.
- Admin support \$20,000 however, no explanation of # hours that is needed. Lacks details.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

There is an extensive program plan outlined in the proposal, but there is no documentation of training or collaboration with DV or SA providers in the area, though awareness of MCEDV is clear through the citations of data, as well as United Somali Women of Maine (aka Immigrant Resource Center of Maine), which indicates knowledge of but lack of collaboration with existing resources.



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**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine General

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	X	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	X	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	20
Section III. Proposed Services	40	30
Section IV. Cost Proposal	30	20
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**BIDDER:** Maine General

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Maine General Health, the parent company of Maine General Medical Center (MGMC), is an integrated, nonprofit health care system. Maine General is a community hospital, largest employer in central Maine and provides a range of health care services for people of all ages across central Maine.
- In 2000 Maine General secured resources to establish a SAFE program. Since then, they have had certified SAFE nurses available to ensure that every adult victim of sexual assault and/or domestic violence and every child victim of sexual assault/abuse that visits Maine General has access to a trained medical professional who can provide prompt, compassionate care.
- Maine General Health is a large medical system and the largest employer in central Maine operating 2 emergency departments.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
- Expand capacity for SAFE medical examinations in Central Maine.
- Goal is to enroll more RNs in SAFE training to increase the number of certified RNs from 5 to 15, as well as ensuring current SAFE RNs at Maine General are recertified so they can continue providing services
- SAFE RNs are trained in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and provision of expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to

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**BIDDER:** Maine General

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Section III Proposed Services (cont)

sexual assault. Building this capacity in our community will help ensure victims in Central Maine have immediate access to trauma-informed, victim-centered direct services close to home.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	20

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Grant related expenses: \$186,057
- The cost of SAFE Adult/Adolescent training course is incorrect in this application. It is \$200 for both the adult/adolescent course as well as the pediatric course. There are no courses currently that cost \$350. No mention of the SAFE Program or collaboration with the SAFE Program Coordinator in this application.
- It is not clear how the STOP funds for existing Maine General staff would not be supplanting, since these are already funded positions. The costs associated with SAFE training seem best aligned with the STOP Grant, absent the indirect costs, as well as the associated travel.
- Budget is requesting funds for staff that are already funded by the hospital.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

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**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Transgender Network

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Maine Transgender Network

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- MTN is uniquely organized to provide services for transgender youth and adults in Maine
- MaineTransNet has been working with survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault issues since its inception through peer support groups statewide since well before our formal incorporation in 2009.
- MaineTransNet is smaller than it has been for several years, but the current team represents the best qualified group the organization has ever had in place to do this work. The three staff members who would work on the proposed Activities have over 40 years of experience working with survivors

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026

Continued funding the 3 current staff who will:

- Uphold and expand longstanding peer-support, one-to-one support and advocacy, and drop-in support programming for transgender survivors
- Develop and strengthen alternative arts- and wellness-based support programming for transgender survivors who are not well-served by “traditional” support programming

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- Continue to provide training and technical assistance to “traditional” survivor support centers
- Develop and deliver online and in-person training and resources for prosecutors, judicial professionals, law enforcement, and first responders to increase transgender survivors’ ability to access these services safely
- Continue participation in multidisciplinary coalitions to assist in the development of policies, procedures, and planning processes that appropriately account for the specific needs and challenges faced by transgender survivors
- The number of activities included in the proposal is abundant given limited staff.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	25

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses \$173,867 – personnel for 20 months and an arts retreat (\$7200 for lodging and common space at Cobscook Institute)
- The narrative indicates that MTN is a subrecipient of MECASA with various funding sources. With this application requesting 100% of 1 employee, 50% of another, and 33% of the 3<sup>rd</sup>...which represents the entire staff, it is not clear how this funding is related to the other funds, as it does not propose to add capacity but to sustain.
- Proposed project references providing online and in person training and resources for Prosecutors, judicial professionals, Law Enforcement and first responders. There has been no known contract with Prosecutors for collaboration of this training. Requesting funds for something that may not come to fruition.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

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**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** MECASA – Bridging the Gap

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- MECASA is the statewide coalition of sexual assault centers
- 40 years of experience as the statewide SA coalition
- All staff working on the proposed project have relevant experience

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	40	40

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
- Enhancing MH Care for Survivors of SV – new project
- A pilot project providing mental health counseling to sexual assault survivors through a subcontract with a regional sexual assault center.
- Pilot project that would house a MH professional in one of the sexual assault support centers, offering both in person and remote support options. Site chosen will be one that is both rural and has demonstrated expertise in MH. The hope is that this work can provide a blueprint with which additional support centers throughout the state could use to embed these services into their programs in the future. Project addresses lack of current MH services or long waitlists for survivors.



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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				<b>30</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Budget is reasonable.
- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$103,144.46 (majority of which is salary and fringe of newly hired therapist with small amount going to finance director and project supervisor as well as \$8K in other, including rent, supplies, etc.)

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

The need for such low barrier mental health services is clear.

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**BIDDER:** NextStep

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>99</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) <span style="float: right;">Pass/Fail</span>

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- NextStep is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving Hancock and Washington Counties since 1993.
- NextStep Domestic Violence Project (Next Step or NS) is a nonprofit, community-based organization, incorporated in 1993 under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3. NextStep provides services to victims and survivors of domestic violence (DV), dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking (including sexual assault as a tactic of abuse), and to the entire community.
- Since incorporating in 1993, Next Step has held contracts with federal and state agencies, quasigovernmental organizations, and community funders to provide victims' services and systems change work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- Project is to improve notification of victims regarding status of offenders – release from jail, service of PFAs – and enhanced collaboration among advocates and criminal justice system partners.
- NextStep will 1. Employ, train, and supervise a Hancock County-based Criminal Justice Advocate (1.0 FTE) to provide support and advocacy for survivors whose abusive partners/ex-partners are incarcerated or have other criminal justice involvement. 2. Assist with victim notification when offenders are being released from

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incarceration. Criminal justice personnel will notify the Criminal Justice Advocate when they have tried and failed to reach an individual to notify them, and the advocate will continue to reach out via whatever method deemed to be safe (phone, letter, email, text, or face-to-face contact). 3. Provide training, technical assistance, and consultation for corrections officers and other law enforcement personnel regarding (a) effective notification of release and (b) identifying and responding to offenders who contact victims, directly or indirectly, while incarcerated.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	.	Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
	.			30	=	29

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$69,200 (salary, fringe and travel)
- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$55,000 on the first page, but the budget category pages indicate \$69,200 that is straightforward salary, fringe, and mileage.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Includes an MOU with the Hancock County SO that clearly outlines the collaboration and components of work as outlined in the application and a letter of support from the Office of Victim Services of the DOC.

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**BIDDER:** Partner for Peace

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**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	X	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	X	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30
Section III. Proposed Services	40	40
Section IV. Cost Proposal	30	30
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

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Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- PFP is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties since 1973.
- Partners for Peace (PFP) has a rich history of serving victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault for over 50 years.
- PFP proudly serves alongside the Penobscot Nation Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center for Indigenous survivors.
- All staff and direct service volunteers complete a rigorous 45+ hour Core Comprehensive Advocacy, Intervention, Response and Ethics Training developed by MCEDV. All staff working under this grant will have completed this training, along with ongoing continuing education.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- One new staff position: The Justice Navigator provides individual criminal justice advocacy and support navigating complex systems, on behalf of victims and survivors of domestic violence within the justice system to increase their safety and knowledge of available resources. The Justice Navigator works closely with the Legal and Justice Services Program Manager and Legal Program to maintain effective and collaborative relationships systems-wide.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$68,284 (\$67,659 personnel/\$625 training fees for strangulation institute and danger assessment) budget aligns with activities outlined in the grant.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Includes an agreement with the District Attorney's Office outlining the components of the plan and work as outlined in the proposal.

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**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Pine Tree Legal

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	X	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	X	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30
Section III. Proposed Services	40	40
Section IV. Cost Proposal	30	30
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**



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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Pine Tree Legal Assistance (PTLA) has substantial experience providing civil legal representation to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. PTLA is Maine's oldest and largest statewide civil legal aid provider.
- Family Law and Victim Rights (FLVR) Unit is a statewide network of 15 attorneys and 3 paralegals providing holistic civil legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
- Increase access to civil legal assistance for survivors of violence accessing PFAs in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington Counties.
- One new staff position: The goal of this project is to ensure that survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking have access to free, high-quality civil legal assistance that protects their safety, stability, and livelihoods. To achieve this goal, PTLA is requesting funding to support one new full-time attorney serving survivors in Penobscot, capacity in some of Maine's most underserved regions.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Anticipated grant related expenses: \$82,981 (all salary and fringe), match of \$40,871 to cover everything else including travel, equipment, etc.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

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**RFP #:** 202406108

**RFP TITLE:** STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER:** Rape Response Service

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	X	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	X	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	30	30
Section III. Proposed Services	40	35
Section IV. Cost Proposal	30	30
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) <span style="float: right;">Pass/Fail</span>

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Rape Response Services (RRS), a member center of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA), has served as the sexual assault support services center for Penobscot and Piscataquis counties since 1988.
- Rape Response Services has been providing sexual assault support services for nearly 30 years (the past 16 years as a Penquis subsidiary). Experienced staff will be responsible for project implementation and oversight.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
- One new position: Project Coordinator - A STOP grant will make it possible to dedicate staff time to building and strengthening CRVT participation and improving the region's coordinated response to sexual violence.
- A Project Coordinator – Rape Response Services will be hired to conduct CRVT partner outreach and trainings, provide client outreach and direct services, and meet project goals and expectations. The project coordinator will receive 40-hour advocate training from Rape Response Services and trauma-informed approach training as well as additional trainings required by our statewide Quality Assurance Standards. Sixteen (16) hours of the project coordinator will be funded by STOP.
- Sixteen (16) hours of the project coordinator will be funded by STOP. This funding will complement existing funding for a 24-hour part-time position. The 24-hour part-time position, funded by an OVW rural grant, is currently vacant. In addition to supporting

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**Section III. Proposed Services (cont.)**

much needed services, the 16 hours funded by STOP will enable us to increase the position to full time, which will assist with recruitment.

- Dedicated staff support for regional CRVT Community Response to Violence Team that was formerly strong but diminished through pandemic. Project intends to bolster that group, increase outreach through court watch and legal advocacy and in rural hospitals.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	*	Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
	*			30	=	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$52,438 (salary, fringe, travel, supplies, IT, etc.). Approx \$40K of this is salary/fringe and rest is other.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Application includes no documents from project partners, which seems essential to the purpose of the application.

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**BIDDER:** Safe Voices - CJASS

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Safe Voices is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving the tri-county area of Androscoggin/ Oxford/Franklin Counties since the 1977.
- Safe Voices was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1977. The Safe Voices leadership staff responsible for providing administrative oversight for the organization programming and this grant work while carrying out the mission of Safe Voices have more than 35 years of combined experience in nonprofit management, best practices, and direct victim services. We have been providing advocacy services for more than 45 years.
- All staff and direct-service volunteers at Safe Voices undergo a 55-hour training, the Comprehensive Advocacy Intervention, Response and Ethics Training (CAIRET), which entails education on the dynamics of domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking, systems of oppression, power-based violence, and gender-based violence, best practices in trauma-informed advocacy, and much more.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/24-9/30/26
- Continue currently funded services
- Funding will allow Safe Voices to support victim services through our Criminal Court Advocacy and Certified Domestic Violence Intervention programming. STOP grant funds will be utilized to support our Court Advocate and Outreach Advocate.
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Section III. Proposed Services (con't)

- The Outreach Advocate will spend approximately 25% of her time on the work of this project as described in the proposal. The Court Advocate provides criminal legal advocacy and support to survivors who seek safety through the criminal justice system, supporting them with court hearings and trials and associated victim services as described in the proposal. The Court advocate will spend approximately 51% of her time on the project.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	29

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$45,000, with \$14,850 in match.
- Straightforward percentages of relevant staff for the proposed project.
- Application says they're requesting funding for one year, but project duration is entered as 10/1/24-9/30/26.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**



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**BIDDER:** Safe Voices – Franklin County

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>99</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**BIDDER:** Safe Voices – Franklin County

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Safe Voices is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving the tri-county area of Androscoggin/ Oxford/Franklin Counties since the 1977.
- Safe Voices was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1977. The Safe Voices leadership staff responsible for providing administrative oversight for the organization programming and this grant work while carrying out the mission of Safe Voices have more than 35 years of combined experience in nonprofit management, best practices, and direct victim services. We have been providing advocacy services for more than 45 years.
- All staff and direct-service volunteers at Safe Voices undergo a 55-hour training, the Comprehensive Advocacy Intervention, Response and Ethics Training (CAIRET), which entails education on the dynamics of domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking, systems of oppression, power-based violence, and gender-based violence, best practices in trauma-informed advocacy, and much more.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/24-9/30/26
- Funding will allow Safe Voices to retain a full-time Legal Advocacy Coordinator. This staff position is the only advocate in Franklin County providing comprehensive civil and criminal court support and direct service to victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking and dating violence. She will spend approximately 81% of her time on the work of this project.

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Section III. Proposed Services (cont)

- The Legal Advocacy Program Manager oversees the project implementation and supervises the Franklin County Advocate. She will spend approximately 15% of her time on the work of this project. Funds for this position will be covered by Safe Voices' match contribution.
- 4 letters of support included

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	*	Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
	*			30	=	29

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$55,000, with \$10,770 in match
- Straightforward percentages of relevant staff for the proposed project.
- Application says they're requesting funding for one year, but project duration is entered as 10/1/24-9/30/26.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

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**BIDDER:** SASSMM

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Fail</u></b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b><u>Scoring Sections</u></b>	<b><u>Points Available</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded</u></b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>95</u></b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Established in 1983, SASSMM is an agency of professionals and trained volunteers dedicated to providing advocacy and support to survivors, families and concerned others impacted by sexual violence (e.g. sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sex trafficking, stalking, etc.). SASSMM is the sole service provider in the Midcoast region with a focus on sexual violence and is a member of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, working side by side with Maine's other six sexual assault support centers.
- SASSMM's initial service area was Eastern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln Counties, but expanded to include Knox and Waldo Counties in 2011, when the public health districts were realigned.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/24-9/30/25
- The funding to employ two Systems Advocates in our southern service areas (Eastern Cumberland/Lincoln/Sagadahoc County-ECLS), and their coordination of service delivery, collaboration, and training of specific systems partners (legal, law enforcement, corrections, and medical). STOP funds are being used to support similar efforts in Knox/Waldo with funding that recently began 7/1/2024, and the additional STOP funds being requested for ECLS, would balance our client support needs and presence in the four courts and hospitals, two jails, and one state prison within our service area.

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Section III. Proposed Services (cont.)

- Requesting funding for a position to expand services. Position has not been filled yet. Concerns with limited funding.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$124,227.47
- 2 positions, 1 is existing and 1 will be new, mostly salary and fringe with \$5K for travel and \$11K in other, such as technology and occupancy. \$5K alone is in rent.
- The salary level is very low for the current climate.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

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**BIDDER:** Through These Doors

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) <span style="float: right;">Pass/Fail</span>

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Founded in 1977, Through These Doors is the only domestic violence resource center providing victim advocacy services to victims and survivors of domestic abuse in Cumberland County serving both rural and urban areas.
- All new staff and volunteers complete a 44-hour training facilitated by experienced TTD staff with continuing education expectations. Additionally, TTD accepts both bachelor's and master's levels interns to work alongside our employees.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026
- Unclear why they chose the start/end dates of the project as they did.
- Continued specialized and intensive support for incarcerated women through the reentry process with emphasis on housing in coming phase.
- TTD's proposed continuation project, Enhancing Safety & Reentry Services, will continue the critical work of providing comprehensive, holistic victim advocacy services to justice involved survivors of abuse incarcerated at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC), the Southern-Maine Women's Re-Entry Center (SMWRC) and the community post-release to improve safety.
- This project provides advocacy services for justice involved survivors of abuse both while they are incarcerated and as they reintegrate into the community.
- Signed MOU with DOC included.



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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV**

**Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	30

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$66,136
- Mostly salary and fringe, with a small amount for travel and \$3K in program supplies for activities with clients.

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

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**BIDDER:** United Somali Women

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Lisa Bosse

**Names of Evaluators:** Francine Garland-Stark, Meg Hatch, Alicia Hunter, and Shira Burns

<b>Pass/Fail Criteria</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	<b>X</b>	
• Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.	<b>X</b>	
• Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>
Section IV. Cost Proposal	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>45</b>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	Pass/Fail

Pass

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Organization Qualifications and Experience section page 5 was blank
- Immigration Resource Center of Maine (IRCM) Organization Chart provided
- Description of staff on page 18 indicates staff of 30 but org chart lists 12.
- USWM has provided culturally specific, comprehensive victim services for 20 years.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Project Period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026
- The proposed project will continue to address the critical needs of sexual assault and domestic violence victims and survivors within Maine's refugees, asylum seekers and immigrant communities with linguistically and culturally appropriate services.
- The proposed project will primarily assist victims in three Maine counties: Cumberland, Androscoggin, and Kennebec. Application provided geographic statistics/data using 2017-2020 sources. The organization delivers these services statewide, although most services are delivered in Portland, Lewiston, and Augusta. USMW maintains offices in Lewiston, Augusta, Brunswick and Portland.
- Maine Priority Area not included – this is a requirement
- Application included language about victim services being provided using five step process developed from 2009.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal		Cost Proposal Being Scored		Points Available	=	Score
				30	=	20

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Anticipated grant related expenses: \$151,162
- Mostly consists of partial salary and fringe for 6 positions, 12K is for rent, phones, tech, etc.
- Budget funds being requested for vacancies (Program Coordinator Cumberland, Victim Advocate Cumberland, Victim Advocate Kennebec)

**Overall Evaluation - Additional Notes Section**

Applicant did not answer any of the FFATA or Transparency Act questions  
Application referenced attached MOUs for consultation efforts and partnerships with local DV/SA coalitions; however, nothing was included with application.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME Lewiston PD:

DATE: 8/19/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Lewiston PD has a strong history of work in this area and is uniquely positioned to carry out the proposed activities.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – Continuation of Proactive Response Team in DV cases
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$105,816 (\$59,899 match)  
  
Clear and aligned with grant activities.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *yes*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *yes*
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *yes*
9. Other relevant information

Demonstrates strong, ongoing partnership with Safe Voices in the best interests of victims.

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**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Lisa Marchese

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Office of the Attorney General

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience - yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025
  - b. Description of Project – continued support of proactive response team to assist victims of domestic violence through partnership with Safe voices
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$105,816 fund proactive response team through overtime and some of the salary of the PRT leader and hard goods for victims
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *Doesn't appear so.*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes coordinated community response

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a

9. Other relevant information  
They are vague in outlining their success

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Lewiston Police Department

DATE: 8/8/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Heather Putnam

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: USAO - ME

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
2. Proposed Services Domestic Violence Proactive Response Team
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – The Proactive Response team enhance the relationship with the victim and produce more comprehensive investigations and more favorable outcomes for both victims and families.  
GOAL: increase the amount of positive/productive interactions with dv victims. GRANT provides ability for detective and project leader to solely focus on dv caseload 50% salary covered by Lewiston and funds are for the proactive response team – overtime hrly rate  
And overtime hrs/rate of the PRT leader (likely detective)
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$105,816
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES/continuation



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7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Signed  
consultation/collaboration documentation – Safe Voices
9. Other relevant information grant application notes team detective partners with and  
coordinates with community based organizations – listed in application  
Evaluation plan?  
QUESTION: was there a lapse in funding for this program?

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Waldo County SO

DATE: 8/19/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Waldo Cty SO is the appropriate lead for this project.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Collaboration with New Hope Midcoast and Knox Cty SO in expanding support for DV victims in that 2-county area.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$127,379 (\$46,204 match) over a 21 month period. The budget is clear and aligned with project activities. However, 12 months of expenses would be an appropriate level to consider at this time.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *no*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *yes*
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *yes*  
Thorough collaborative agreements with both project partners: NHM and KCSO
9. Other relevant information: excellent to see the replication/adaptation of previously STOP Grant funded work to improve law enforcement/advocate collaboration and victim support.

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**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Waldo County Sheriffs Office

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Lisa Marchese

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Office of the Attorney General

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: meets qualifications and experience criteria of similarly situated agencies
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 21 months
  - b. Description of Project – hire a law enforcement officer to work in Knox and Waldo counties to partner with New Hope for women to establish a coordinated community response for victims of domestic violence and to a lesser extent – sexual assault
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$127, 379
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *Limited reference in the grant proposal*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) it addresses both Federal and Maine priority areas

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? yes

9. Other relevant information

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Waldo County Sheriff's Office

DATE: 8/7/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Heather Putnam

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: USAO - ME

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

2. Proposed Services LE Advocacy Program

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-6/30/26

b. Description of Project – Designated LEO liaison from Knox and Waldo with NHM

New LEA position (dv advocate),  
Co-located LEA /space for NHM in both SO, and enhanced training to  
enhance effectiveness in dv response and enhance MDT development.

KCSO

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$127,379

NHW % of Legal Advocacy Director salary

LEA salary

Mileage, cell phone for LEA

% of two LEO salaries for KCSO

% of two LEO salaries for WCSO

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO

Focus is dv, dating violence and stalking

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO

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6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? NO/new application
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) YES
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? YES
9. Other relevant information NHM provides services in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Waldo county – all primarily rural counties.  
KCSO will provide a liaison officer.  
Coordinated approach to meet need of follow up and ongoing assistance to support survivors and families  
Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties?

QUESTION: LEA is primarily in one SO or the other? % of time?

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Maine Judicial Branch

DATE: 8/16/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Rebecca Austin

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Safe Voices

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

The Maine Judicial Branch has a long history of engaging with both victims and perpetrators of violence in the civil and criminal justice systems.

Reviewer notes that the application also utilizes the expertise of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, and The Center for Justice Innovation as critical partners. Reviewer appreciates the Maine Judicial Branch working with national and regional experts in the development and implementation of this project.

2. Proposed Services

Reviewer notes that the applicant does a good job outlining the need for best-practice standards for specialty domestic violence dockets across Maine, and ongoing training and technical assistance for the judicial branch staff assigned to those dockets.

Review also notes the unique nature of the application being in part a response to potential legislation and appreciates the forward thinking of the Maine Judicial Branch in supporting a thoughtful implementation to the proposal of LD 2103.

a. Duration of Project –

The Project is projected to span 10/1/2024-6/30/2026.

Reviewer appreciated how the applicant identified the timeline for each phase of the project. The timeline seemed appropriate and reasonable for the scope of work being outlined.

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b. Description of Project –

The project has two primary goals:

1. A more clearly designed Domestic Violence Court model statewide.
2. Respond to LD2103 an act to protect victims of domestic abuse and violence by amending the law regarding proximity restrictions in final protection from abuse orders.

Review notes that these goals appear to align with the RFP, and that the applicant is well positioned to successfully implement this project.

Review appreciates that the applicant looked to national and regional technical assistance providers in the development of this project and will continue to utilize national and regional experts in the implementation of the proposed project.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

Reviewer observes that the total funds requested from JAC equals \$72,200 with \$30,954 listed as match. Giving this application a match of 42.8%

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

Yes, this application meaningfully addresses Sexual Assault.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?

No, this is not a culturally specific community-based organization.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?

No, this is not a continuation of a previous project.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal Purpose Areas: 1, 3, 14

Maine Priority Areas: 1, 2, 4

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?

Review notes that the consultation/collaboration form was signed by the applicant and not the partner organization. Reviewer is unsure if that complies with the RFP. However, the reviewer also notes that extensive collaboration on this application was



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completed, and that the partner organization submitted a letter in support of this application.

**9. Other relevant information**

N/A

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Judicial Branch Stop application

**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Lisa Marchese

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Office of the Attorney General

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience Had not applied recently but had in the past and has experience.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 2024 but mostly 2025 and perhaps further
  - b. Description of Project – at least 18 months
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses  
Appropriate but the training for the two judges was not yet identified
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?*indirectly*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes as to both
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? yes
9. Other relevant information

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Maine Judicial Branch

DATE: 8/8/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Heather Putnam

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: USAO - ME

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
2. Proposed Services Maine DV Court Training & Improvements Project
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project - creation of a more clearly designed domestic violence court model statewide (currently six specialty DV court dockets)

To include: dv training and tech assistance (national best practices) to judges and court staff  
Two judges will attend a national judicial institute training on dv  
If LD 2103 is enacted form and case management systems will need to revised – technical and system updates
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$72,200  
Contracted services \$67200 (with CJI)  
\$5k for judges travel and training
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? NO

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7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? YES MCEDV
9. Other relevant information  
Through and extensive technical support and training from the Center for Justice  
Innovation (CJI)  
Extensive historical effective use of STOP grants

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Maine Prosecutors

DATE: 8/19/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: the Maine Prosecutors' Association is the only statewide association of district attorneys and uniquely qualified to carry out the intentions of the proposal.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Specialized DV and SA prosecution in York County with related training and technical assistance for prosecutors statewide regarding best practices, with funds passing through the Office of the Attorney General.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$262,479 (\$131,239.50 match)  
Clear and aligned with project activities.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? yes
9. Other relevant information: addresses critical areas of need to improve accountability and safety in the context of domestic and sexual violence crimes.

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Maine Prosecutors Association through the Office of the Attorney General

DATE: 8/16/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Rebecca Austin

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Safe Voices

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

The Maine Prosecutors Association has an extensive history of prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault cases, particularly the York County office has a history of working collaboratively with the local domestic violence and sexual assault resource centers.

Reviewer appreciates that the applicant clearly articulated the need for specialty prosecutors and specifically how not having these prosecutors would impact the caseload and as a result negatively impact outcomes for survivors.

Review notes that the application talked about the need for multi-disciplinary teams as a critical component of prosecuting DV and SA cases and the commitment to national best practices in prosecuting cases.

2. Proposed Services

Reviewer notes the collaborative multidisciplinary nature of the application and the understanding that this collaborative approach helps to create better case outcomes for survivors.

Reviewer appreciates the lead applicant outlining a clear and thoughtful partnership both in the request for this proposal and in scope of ongoing work with the local domestic violence and sexual assault agencies.

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a. Duration of Project –

The Project is projected to span 10/1/2024-6/30/2026

Reviewer appreciates how the applicant identified the specific timeline in the proposal. However, the reviewer also notes that the timeline provided for this project in the grant narrative is 12 months, yet the span of the project outlined on the cover page is far longer.

b. Description of Project –

Project is broken down into four key goals

1. Establish a prosecution team
2. Provide and attend training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors
3. Develop and implement more effective prosecution protocols
4. Support multidisciplinary team efforts

Reviewer appreciates how the applicant clearly identifies the goals, objectives, activities, and timeline for each task. The reviewer was able to clearly understand the intention of the project and the scope of work to be done.

Reviewer notes that the outlined activities appear to align with the RFP and support increasing safety for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Reviewer notes that the two victim service organizations listed in the applicant appear to have a strong collaborative foundation with the lead applicant. Reviewer believe that the lead applicant has the necessary capacity to carry out a successful project.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

Reviewer observes that the total funds requested from JAC equals \$262,479 with \$131,239.5 listed as match. Giving this application a match of 50%

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

Yes, this application anticipates that 30% of work under this project will meaningfully addresses Sexual Assault.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?

No, this is not a culturally specific community-based organization.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?

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Yes, this is a continuation of a previous project.

Reviewer notes that the applicant had what appears to be a successful application in the previous round of grant funding with good outcomes. Reviewer appreciated seeing that the State of Maine has supported this project by adding two previously STOP funded prosecutors into the state budget.

**7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)**

Federal Purpose Areas: 1, 2, 3, 7, 15, 16

Maine Priority Areas: 1, 2, 3

Reviewer appreciated how the applicant clearly identifies each federal purpose area and state priority area in the project goals and objectives. This made it easy to understand how each was being addressed.

**8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?**

Applicant has two signed collaborative agreement. One with the local domestic violence service provider, Caring Unlimited, and one with the local sexual assault service provider, Sexual Assault Services of Southern Maine.

**9. Other relevant information**



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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Maine Prosecutors Association

DATE: 8/7/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Heather Putnam

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: USAO - ME

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
2. Proposed Services – two prosecutors w/focus on dv, sa and stalking
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24- 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project -
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses – STOP Funds cover full price of positions \$262,479 (w/AG Office providing matching funds)
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? YES

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9. Other relevant information – existing partnership w/DV and SA regional agency and agencies commit to ongoing partnership and collaboration. Grant application provides examples of active partnership and engagement

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Caring Unlimited: Legal Assistance for Victims Program

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Caring Unlimited has provided support, safety planning and other direct services to anyone victimized in an intimate relationship since 1977.

2. Proposed Services

- a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 9/30/25
- b. Description of Project - Caring Unlimited requests STOP funding to maintain the scope and capacity of our Legal Assistance for Victims program. The funds requested will partially support the salaries of our five-person legal services team made up of three lay court advocates and two attorneys.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$40,637

Budget summary on page 11 isn't filled in. Is this a question of the interface or an oversight? Narrative is clear and aligned with the budget numbers.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes

Excellent data regarding impact of the program.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? N/A

9. Other relevant information

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Caring Unlimited - LAV

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Very qualified, only DV agency for York County. Strong organization throughout.

2. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 through 9/30/25

b. Description of Project – partial salary for the legal assistance for victim program (3 advocates, 2 attorneys)

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses - \$40,637

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): 11: Maintain core victim services; 5 : strengthen legal assistance programs. Maine: Victim services maintenance and expansion

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? NA
9. Other relevant information: Strong proposal that provides a critical function. High need without anyone else doing the needed services.

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RFA #: 202406108  
RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant  
BIDDER NAME: Caring Unlimited - LAV  
DATE: 8/12/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Caring Unlimited has provided support, safety planning and other direct services to anyone victimized in an intimate relationship since 1977. Over the years, the organization has grown from the grassroots efforts of a few committed volunteers to a staff of twenty-seven advocates and thirty direct service volunteers serving almost 2000 people annually. They provide a comprehensive array of direct services and work with the community to end domestic violence through prevention programs and systems' change advocacy. Caring Unlimited has extensive experience implementing and managing programs to deliver high-quality, effective services and properly administer a range of federal and state dollars, including previous STOP awards.

The legal team is supervised by senior attorney James Amendolara, Esq. who has practiced law since 1991, has been with Caring Unlimited since 2006 and is licensed to practice law in Maine.

2. Proposed Services – continued funding to support current LAV (Legal Assistance for Victims) project for DV survivors.

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25

b. Description of Project - Caring Unlimited requests STOP funding to maintain the scope and capacity of our Legal Assistance for Victims program. The funds requested will partially support the salaries of our five-person legal services team made up of three lay court advocates and two attorneys. The project provides critical civil legal support and services in York County.

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3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$40,637
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
  
Federal: 11: Maintain core victim services; 5: strengthen legal assistance programs  
Maine: Victim services maintenance and expansion
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see it.
9. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Caring Unlimited - LAV

**DATE:** 8/13/2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Meg Hatch

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- 11: Maintain core victim services; 5 : strengthen legal assistance programs, Maine: Victim services maintenance and expansion
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information-



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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Caring Unlimited Outreach

**DATE:** 9/5/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Caring Unlimited is the DVRC serving York County with many years of experience doing this work.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – Increasing the safety of victims and improving response of law enforcement through collaboration, advocate initiated contact with victims referred by law enforcement, and consultation/training.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$44,960  
Straightforward and clear salary and fringe for team of involved staff.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *Yes; excellent data provided regarding project impact and numbers served.*
7. Federal purpose area (s) *yes – maintain core victim services; strengthen legal assistance and Maine's Priority Area (s) /victim services maintenance and expansion*
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *n/a*
9. Other relevant information: *all required attachments provided*

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**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Caring Unlimited – Outreach Services

**DATE:** September 4, 2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira S. Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience  
Very experience, DVRC for York County
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 9/30/25 1 year
  - b. Description of Project – will pay for .1 of finance director, .025 of advocacy director and then .25 of the outreach advocate and survivor engagement coordinator.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses -\$44,960
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 11 and 5, Maine – victim services maintenance and expansion

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? N/A

9. Other relevant information

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Caring Unlimited – Outreach Services

DATE: 8/30/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

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Caring Unlimited is a member organization and sub-recipient grantee of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence. The Coalition sets robust quality assurance standards and best practices for members' services as well as providing oversight, technical assistance and training. Caring Unlimited has extensive experience implementing and managing programs to deliver high-quality, effective services and properly administer a range of federal and state dollars, including previous STOP awards. They have critical community collaborations in place necessary for a Coordinated Community response, especially with the civil justice system, district attorney's office, law enforcement, child protective services, and other social service providers.

2. Proposed Services: Outreach Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25

b. Description of Project –

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"Caring Unlimited requests STOP grant funding to maintain the scope and capacity of one of our core victims' services, the Outreach Services Program. The project maintains the availability of key advocacy services for victims of domestic violence in York County and promotes effective coordinated community response. The increased capacity of this program made possible by STOP grant funds provides: • Meaningful, multisector involvement in Coordinated Community Response; • Effective utilization of high-risk response teams when needed; • Increased support for survivors involved with criminal justice system including safety planning, individual advocacy, support groups, access to other sources of funds for flexible financial assistance and referrals/linkages to other resources; • Communication with law enforcement departments and receipt of police reports for advocate initiated response; • Opportunities for community stakeholders to access expertise and consultation from experienced DV advocates regarding Danger Assessments, non-fatal strangulation, stalking, and the dynamics of domestic violence in general. The STOP grant funds are necessary to maintain our current capacity and ensure equal focus on all law enforcement departments, especially the activity generated by police reports. At this time, we also have a grant application pending to renew our OVW Rural grant to support our work with rural law enforcement departments. STOP funds ensure that we can provide the same comprehensive services to victims in urban areas."

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$44,960 (all salary and fringe of 4 partially funded existing positions)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 11: Maintain core victim services; 5: strengthen legal assistance program

Maine: Victim services maintenance and expansion

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? App references that there's an MOU with one partner through another grant, but no signed collaboration forms, MOUs, etc. were included with this app. Would have expected to see some from LE agencies.

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9. Other relevant information: Would just note that Caring Unlimited has submitted another application for this grant for their LAV program at \$40,637.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Caring Unlimited – Outreach Services

DATE: 9/5/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: MH

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - yes
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *yes*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 11 and 5
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *yes*
9. Other relevant information- *none noted*

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Family Violence Project: Building Bridges for a CCR

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: FVP is a member of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. FVP is the only domestic violence resource center providing services to victims of domestic abuse, stalking, and human trafficking in the proposed area.

2. Proposed Services

- a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 9/30/25
- b. Description of Project – continued outreach and collaboration across several agencies to support survivors.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

No budget information was included with the application

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes

Excellent data regarding the impact of this program.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): yes

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? N/A

9. Other relevant information: unfortunately, absent budget information this project will likely not be funded.



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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Family Violence Building Bridges

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – very experienced, DVRC for Kennebec and Somerset. Previous qualified grant recipient.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/21/24 through 9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – Advocate position with an expanded focus to rural health centers. Advocate will also continue existing duties as point person for homeless shelters, urban healthcare providers, and HRTF.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses – no budget provided
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): Federal 5 & 7, Maine 2.
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? NA

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9. Other relevant information: Missing information, project timeline and information in the organization's capacity to carry out proposed project.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Family Violence Project – Building Bridges

DATE: 8/12/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

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2. Proposed Services – continued funding for the Building Bridges for a Coordinated Community Response project for DV survivors.

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25

b. Description of Project - Family Violence Project (FVP) seeks funding to expand its Building Bridges Program to rural health centers, addressing critical gaps in services for victims and survivors of domestic abuse, human

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trafficking, and stalking in underserved rural areas. The new focus for the advocate will help to address the inconsistent referral and support systems in our rural areas. Unlike urban areas, rural health centers lack established referral processes and coordinated support systems. This inconsistency can lead to gaps in care and support for survivors, preventing them from receiving comprehensive and continuous assistance. FVP proposes the expansion of its Building Bridges Program to rural health centers, building on the successful partnerships and processes established with local homeless shelters, Maine General Medical Center, and other more urban healthcare providers.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: No budget provided.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5 and 7

Maine: 2

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see it.

9. Other relevant information: All places where ED has signed are not dated. The budget and requested funds amount is blank as are all areas that would offer a breakdown of how funds would be spent. There are also a few other places in the application where it seems as though info. is missing and/or incomplete.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Family Violence Building Bridges

DATE: 8/13/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- No
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- 5 and 7, Maine: 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information- missing budget

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Family Violence Project: Strengthening Justice to Better Serve Survivors

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

Family Violence Project (FVP) is the domestic violence resource center based in Augusta, Maine whose mission is to end domestic abuse in Kennebec and Somerset counties.

**2. Proposed Services**

- a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
- b. Description of Project - Family Violence Project (FVP) has identified critical service gaps through an 18-month strengthening rural advocacy program facilitated by PRAXIS International. Utilizing the Program Assessment for Social Change (PASC) methodology, FVP conducted a comprehensive evaluation involving mapping, staff and survivor focus groups, and text analysis. This evaluation revealed significant deficiencies in both direct victim services and broader systems work within the two counties served by FVP. The proposed project aims to address these deficiencies by leveraging STOP funds to enhance the outreach program. These funds will enable outreach program employees to engage in systems work with local law enforcement and court districts, as well as to expand direct support services.

**3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: No budget information was included in the application.**

**4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no**

**5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no**

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6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) Fed 5 & 7; Maine 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? N/A
9. Other relevant information

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Family Violence – Strengthening Justice

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience - very experienced, DVRC for Kennebec and Somerset. Previous qualified grant recipient.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 through 9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – Enhance outreach programs to engage with LE and court districts.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses – no budget given
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *no*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 5 and 7, Maine - 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *n/a*



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9. Other relevant information: the project says "outreach advocates will collaborate with court districts within the catchment area to ensure court personnel are familiar with FVP, can provide resources to survivors, and strengthen collaborate efforts to prevent individuals from slipping through the crack." I would like to know if the JB has agreed to this.

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BIDDER NAME: Family Violence Project – Strengthening Justice  
DATE: 8/12/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

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The grant will be administered by FVP executive director, Pam Morin, LSW, who has a long-standing career in domestic violence, program management, and personnel supervision. Heidi Hall, MBA, is an experienced accountant who has worked with FVP for over 20 years; she will be responsible for the financial reporting for the grant. Outreach advocates Jan White and Anne Osolinski have extensive experience working with survivors of domestic abuse.

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2. Proposed Services – new funding for the Building Bridges Strengthening Justice project for DV survivors, for collaboration mainly with law enforcement and courts.
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project - FVP's service area encompasses 18 law enforcement agencies. The STOP funds, which are not court-restricted, will allow outreach advocates to allocate time to each agency, distribute FVP materials, and establish effective direct referral systems. This approach has been proven successful in other partner law enforcement offices. Similarly, outreach advocates will collaborate with court districts within the catchment area to ensure court personnel are familiar with FVP, can provide resources to survivors, and strengthen collaborative efforts to prevent individuals from slipping through the cracks. Additionally, this funding will support the provision of an often-requested service: emotional support and accompaniment for survivors attending appointments with law enforcement agencies.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: No budget provided.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
  
Federal: 5 and 7  
Maine: 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see it.
9. Other relevant information: All places where ED has signed are not dated. The budget and requested funds amount is blank as are all areas that would offer a breakdown of how funds would be spent.

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- No
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- 5 and 7, Maine: 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information- missing budget

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Her Safety Net: Culturally Responsive Support for Survivors of Violence

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: a new organization that is dedicated to providing culturally specific services tailored for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and BIPOC. Her Safety Net is also a member of the AK Collaborative, a coalition of immigrant-led, community-based, and faith-based nonprofit organizations dedicated to working with immigrant and BIPOC communities. In partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine CDC Office of Population Health Equity, HSN completed a five-year strategic plan. Collaborating with organizations like Safe Voices and as a member of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, Her Safety Net engages in policy advocacy to dismantle systemic barriers and inequities while safeguarding the rights of marginalized groups. Our intersectional approach considers factors such as race, ethnicity, immigration status, and cultural background, ensuring that we meet the diverse needs of the communities we serve.

2. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 6/30/26

b. Description of Project – to provide comprehensive advocacy services that are multilingual, culturally sensitive, and in safe spaces that honor the unique backgrounds and sensitivities of survivors.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$61,500 (\$20,295 match)

The budget summary is clear, but the budget Personal [sic] Services section math is a bit confusing.

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The travel section says \$1,000 in JAC funds, but in the earlier narrative section it indicates 1,568 miles for client related travel at \$.50/mile, which would be \$784.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Application indicates yes, though no SA specific activities are named.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes

In April, recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, HSN organized a support group meeting and conducted an awareness workshop. We received 21 domestic violence referrals from Safe Voices, B-Street Clinic, Pediatrics Associates, AK Health, Masjid A-Salaam, and walk-ins. FGM workshop at Leavitt Area High School was also a success, and a good turnout at May support group meeting. Amina continues to attend the monthly program standards committee meetings and participated in the MCEDV June Planning Table Groups.

Our advocates have been instrumental in making a positive impact, providing essential services such as advocacy, case management, multilingual health education, and outreach. The range of services we offer reflects the diverse needs of individuals, including employment support, immigration assistance, scheduling medical appointments, housing/shelter, transportation, enrolling in medical insurance, HEAP assistance applications, accessing SNAP benefits, and help with various forms from DHHS, FedCap, GA, DV advocacy, translations, and interpretation.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? N/A
9. Other relevant information: thoughtful and clear application from emerging organization reflects collaborative approach in response to community needs.

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DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – strong experience, especially in a very specific area
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 through 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Enhance and expand culturally specific support services through DV Advocate
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses - \$61,500 and \$20,295 match. Personnel and other
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 5 and 11, Maine 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Is it needed? Don't see one.

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9. Other relevant information – I don't see the attachments that are referred to in the application (organizational chart, insurance)



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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Since its founding in 2021, Her Safety Net has been dedicated to providing culturally specific services tailored for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities affected by domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Our approach encompasses a comprehensive array of strategies designed to address the unique challenges faced by these communities. Central to our work are direct support services that offer culturally sensitive emotional support and safe spaces. We aim to address the specific needs of survivors by providing spaces and support that respect their cultural backgrounds. Additionally, our community outreach and education efforts include workshops and informational sessions crafted to honor cultural nuances and sensitivities. We are proud to have received the 2023 STOP Grant, which has enabled us to expand our work and strengthen our partnerships. Her Safety Net is also a member of the AK Collaborative, a coalition of immigrant-led, community-based, and faith-based nonprofit organizations dedicated to working with immigrant and BIPOC communities. This membership underscores our commitment to a collective effort in addressing the needs of these communities.

2. Proposed Services – continued funding for Culturally Responsive Support for Survivors of Violence.

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-6/30/26

b. Description of Project - The proposed project is designed to meet the urgent need for culturally specific services tailored for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities

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who have been impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. By employing a full-time advocate, Her Safety Net aims to significantly enhance support within these communities, creating safer and more inclusive environments for survivors.

The funds allocated to Her Safety Net will be utilized to support the wages of a Domestic Violence Advocate and project coordinator on Full-Time Equivalent basis.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$61,500 with a proposed match of \$20,295.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
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Maine: 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see it.
9. Other relevant information: Didn't see any attachments that were referenced, including certificate of insurance or org chart.

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 18 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- 5 and 11, Maine: 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information-

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Hope & Justice Project: CJ System Advocacy

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: HJP is the DV project serving Aroostook County since 1979.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25 (on p. 13, the MOU is described as coinciding with a grant period from 10/1/24-6/30/25)
  - b. Description of Project – CJ System Advocacy; 48 hour follow up; CCR support throughout Aroostook in response to expressed need of system partners, filling gap created during pandemic.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$72,977.90 (salary, benefits, travel, materials for survivors, and a laptop and cellphone)
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes - There is a statement of close collaboration with the Mikmaq and AMHC SA projects but no specific SA activities indicated.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine priority areas? yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? N/A
9. Other relevant information: Excellent project with strong, MOU supported partnerships from law enforcement agencies

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BIDDER NAME: Hope and Justice Project

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – very experience, organization and director.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 through 9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – Hire a criminal justice system advocate. Accompany LE on 48 hour follow up
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$72,977.90 – all for the position.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes (
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 5, 9, 11 and 19 – Maine 1 and 2.

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Not required but did provide agreements with LE.
9. Other relevant information – this work was requested by the Aroostook County DA.

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BIDDER NAME: Hope and Justice  
DATE: 8/12/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- Incorporated in 1979
- Serving survivors of DV and SA in Aroostook County
- "substantial experience competing for and administering grants"
- Employ 15 direct service advocates
- 2023 audit – determined that they're fully compliant
- ED has 24 years of experience in the field

2. Proposed Services – reengage work that was previously done by HJP's Criminal Justice Advocates and enhance law enforcement/advocate collaboration.

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25

- b. Description of Project – The criminal justice advocate will accompany law enforcement on their 48 hour follow up visits with survivors during the investigatory process. This will enhance safety planning and other aspects of the work. Will also enhance relationships with law enforcement. This is a service that existed pre-pandemic that the agency would like to reinstate.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$72,978 (almost all of which is salary, fringe, travel and print materials for the new advocate)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.

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5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5, 9, 11 and 19

Maine: 2

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? See below comment.

9. Other relevant information: Several signed Agreements and Letters of Commitment attached, along with required org chart and insurance cert.



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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Hope and Justice

DATE: 8/13/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 18 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes?
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- 5, 9, 11, 19. Maine 1 and 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information- Sexual assault?

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Maine Community Integration: The New Mainers Domestic Violence Partnership

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Applicant is not affiliated with either MCEdV or MECASA. Names Family Crisis Services (no longer the name of the Cumberland County DVRC, which has been Through These Doors for several years and MCEdV, which has no record of collaboration with this organization in the past decade)
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 6/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – Clear outline of activities that align with known community needs.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$168,435 (\$90,000 match) – narrative aligns with activities but is a large request from a local/regional applicant for the STOP Grant program.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) 20: ...and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Applicant asserts that they are a victim service provider, but there is no documentation of that.

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9. Other relevant information

There is an extensive program plan outlined in the proposal, but there is no documentation of training or collaboration with DV or SA providers in the area, though awareness of MCEDV is clear through the citations of data, as well as United Somali Women of Maine (aka Immigrant Resource Center of Maine), which indicates knowledge of but lack of collaboration with existing resources.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Maine Community Integration

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – how long have they been around?
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 to 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – multifaceted, linguistically specific services – man to man workshops, - cross training in other disciplines
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$168,435 and match of \$90,000
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) : 20. Maine – victim service maintenance and expansion.
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Yes

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9. Other relevant information – very high need.

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BIDDER NAME: Maine Community Integration  
DATE: 8/12/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Maine Community Integration (MCI) is a well-established organization specializing in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and sex trafficking within immigrant and refugee communities. Our qualifications include: - Extensive experience: MCI has successfully implemented numerous projects offering crisis intervention, counseling, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter, all tailored to meet cultural and linguistic needs. - Multilingual and trained staff: Our multilingual team, fluent in Somali, Arabic, and French, is expertly trained in domestic violence issues and trauma-informed care, ensuring empathetic and effective support. - Collaborative partnerships: MCI works with local organizations like Family Crisis Services and the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, enhancing our capacity to provide coordinated services. Our advisory council guides strategic planning and service effectiveness. - Proven track record: MCI has consistently delivered successful projects with strong community participation and positive outcomes. We have secured funding from federal grants, demonstrating our financial stability and project management capabilities. Through these strengths, MCI is well-equipped to provide the requested services in the RFA, delivering impactful and culturally competent support to our diverse communities.

2. Proposed Services – The New Mainers Domestic Violence Partnership, Domestic Violence Services Expansion and Community Support.

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-6/30/26

b. Description of Project – Empowered Immigrant Women Unite (EIWU) will play a crucial role in the project by leveraging their extensive experience in health

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education and cultural sensitivity. Their anticipated role and qualifications include: Roles: - Provide culturally and linguistically specific domestic violence support services. - Conduct educational workshops on domestic violence awareness and available resources. - Facilitate support groups for immigrant women. - Offer interpretation and translation services for non-English speaking clients. - Assist in developing culturally appropriate educational materials. Qualifications: - Proven track record of empowering immigrant women and addressing unique challenges. - Experienced staff specializing in domestic violence prevention and support. - Strong connections within immigrant communities. - Multilingual capabilities for diverse populations. - Established partnerships with local organizations to enhance collaboration. State of Maine - Department of Public Safety RFA# 202406108 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant 6 EIWU will leverage its expertise to support the project's goals and ensure effective communication and services for immigrant women.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$168,435 with \$90,000 match (project coordinator, 2 multilingual advocates and admin. support). There is \$10,000 requested for OOS conference attendance.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes. (Although the “yes” box is checked, all services referenced seem to be DV services.)
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
Federal: 20  
Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Yes.
9. Other relevant information: Required org chart and insurance cert. included.

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BIDDER NAME: Maine Community Integration

DATE: 8/13/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 18 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- 20. Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion. This priority area emphasizes upholding key victim services as well as expanding services to underserved areas and populations.
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information-



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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: MaineGeneral Medical Center: Expanding capacity for SAFE medical examinations in Central Maine

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: MaineGeneral Health is a large medical system and the largest employer in central Maine operating 2 emergency departments.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
  - b. Description of Project – expanding SAFE capacity through training
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$186,057 (\$0 proposed match)

It is not clear how the STOP funds for existing Maine General staff would not be supplanting, since these are already funded positions. The costs associated with SAFE training seem best aligned with the STOP Grant, absent the indirect costs, as well as the associated travel.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? no - This entity does not qualify as a Victim Services provider under the definitions of this grant. The applicant

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indicates that Donna Strickler, director of the sexual assault center encouraged them to apply, but there is no consultation form.

9. Other relevant information

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Maine General Medical Center

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – qualified in having staff provide SAFE exams and part of the new kit tracking pilot project.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/01/24 to 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Train and establish new SAFES
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$186,057
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 8, maine 1
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? I don't see one.

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9. Other relevant information- a very needed expansion.

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BIDDER NAME: Maine General  
DATE: 8/13/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

MaineGeneral Health, the parent company of MaineGeneral Medical Center (MGMC), is an integrated, nonprofit health care system. MaineGeneral is a community hospital, largest employer in central Maine and provides a range of health care services for people of all ages across central Maine. (Proof of MGMC's nonprofit status is included in Appendix 4: Articles of Incorporation). MaineGeneral operates the Alford Center for Health in Augusta, a 198-bed, state-of-the-art hospital, and the Thayer Center for Health in Waterville, the largest comprehensive outpatient center in the state. We have two emergency departments that provide 24-hour emergency services to more than 55,000 patients each year, one in Augusta and one in Waterville. MaineGeneral also includes a regional cancer center, primary care and specialty physician practices, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation, home health care and hospice services, specialized care for people with memory loss and community outreach programs. MaineGeneral has more than 24 years of experience providing Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) services to the Central Maine community. In 2000 MaineGeneral secured resources to establish a SAFE program. Since then, we have had certified SAFE nurses available to ensure that every adult victim of sexual assault and/or domestic violence and every child victim of sexual assault/abuse that visits MaineGeneral has access to a trained medical professional who can provide prompt, compassionate care. Throughout the years we have established standard processes and protocols for SAFE nurses in our EDs. We have worked with the University of New England to develop a brief (4-hour) introductory SAFE training for all of our ED staff to ensure every member of our team is trained in providing care for those who have experienced sexual assault. We have established formal agreements (Memorandum of Understanding) with critical support service providers, including the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center, to ensure victims have an advocate. The MaineGeneral team has recently been asked to

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participate in a State of Maine pilot project for kit tracking. For this project, we will test an online platform for tracking kits, which will improve accountability for kits across the state and ensure they are processed in a timely manner. In short, MaineGeneral has the systems, supports, and leadership to provide high-quality SAFE services in Central Maine. What we are currently lacking, due to COVID-19 and staff turnover, is the financial resources to expand staff capacity on our own.

2. Proposed Services – Expanding capacity for SAFE medical examinations in Central Maine.
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – This goal will be achieved by enrolling more RNs in SAFE training to increase the number of certified RNs from 5 to 15, as well as ensuring current SAFE RNs at MaineGeneral are recertified so they can continue providing services. SAFE RNs are trained in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and provision of expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault. Building this capacity in our community will help ensure victims in Central Maine have immediate access to trauma-informed, victim-centered direct services close to home
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$186,057
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
  
Federal: 8. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.  
  
Maine: 1. Training. The JAC provides funding to victim services providers, law enforcement, prosecution, medical services personnel, and other first responders
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see it.

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9. Other relevant information: The cost of SAFE Adult/Adolescent training course is incorrect in this application. It is \$200 for both the adult/adolescent course as well as the pediatric course. There are no courses currently that cost \$350. No mention of the SAFE Program or collaboration with the SAFE Program Coordinator in this application.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 18 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- 8. Maine: Training
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information-



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**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Maine Transgender Network: Expanding & Sustaining Support for Transgender Survivors

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: MTN is uniquely organized to provide services for transgender youth and adults in Maine
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 – 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – direct services, collaboration with DV/SA coalitions, ODARA clarification project, training for cj system professionals. The number of activities seems like much more than the identified staff could accomplish.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$173,867 – personnel for 20 months and an arts retreat (\$7200 for lodging and common space at Cobscook Institute)

The narrative indicates that MTN is a subrecipient of MECASA with various funding sources. With this application requesting 100% of 1 employee, 50% of another, and 33% of the 3<sup>rd</sup>...which represents the entire staff, it is not clear how this funding is related to the other funds, as it does not propose to add capacity but to sustain.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a
9. Other relevant information

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BIDDER NAME: Maine Transgender Network

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – Well experienced
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 to 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – sustain arts program coordinator, half of the volunteer and outreach coordinator and 33% of the ED position.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$173,866.67
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) : Maine CCR, Victim service maintenance, Training, and Policy, Procedures and Planning.
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?

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9. Other relevant information: Need to know how they have done in the past STOP grant reporting. Is capacity an issue anymore?

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BIDDER NAME: Maine Transgender Network  
DATE: 8/13/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

MaineTransNet has been working with survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault issues since its inception through peer support groups statewide since well before our formal incorporation in 2009. Recognizing both the critical need of trans survivors for services, and barriers with victim service systems to providing these services, MaineTransNet partnered with MECASA and MCEDV starting in 2017.

MaineTransNet is smaller than it has been for several years, but the current team represents the best qualified group the organization has ever had in place to do this work. The three staff members who would work on the proposed Activities have over 40 years of experience working with survivors, four masters degrees, and a Juris Doctor between us. As MaineTransNet's first Sexual Assault Program Manager, Maya Williams is, categorically, the most experienced person in Maine when it comes to developing programming specifically for trans survivors in this state. Kris Pitts has over 15 years of experience working in violence prevention and survivor support, including forensic interviewing, safe house advocacy, case management, training and education, and crisis work. Bre Danvers-Kidman is an attorney with 5 years of experience working on sex cases in Maine's criminal legal system, 20 years of experience navigating systems as an openly queer survivor, and 36 years of lived-experience fostering cultural competency with multiple law enforcement officers in their immediate

2. Proposed Services – Expanding & Sustaining Support for Transgender Survivors

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-6/30/26

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b. Description of Project – Continued funding the 3 current staff who will:

- Uphold and expand longstanding peer-support, one-to-one support and advocacy, and drop-in support programming for transgender survivors
  - Develop and strengthen alternative arts- and wellness-based support programming for transgender survivors who are not well-served by “traditional” support programming
  - Continue to provide training and technical assistance to “traditional” survivor support centers
  - Develop and deliver online and in-person training and resources for prosecutors, judicial professionals, law enforcement, and first responders to increase transgender survivors’ ability to access these services safely
  - Research and develop guidance on the use and limitations of ODARA scores in transgender relationships for dissemination among law enforcement, prosecutors, judicial officers, and bail commissioners
  - Continue participation in multidisciplinary coalitions to assist in the development of policies, procedures, and planning processes that appropriately account for the specific needs and challenges faced by transgender survivors
  - Continue providing support and advocacy to transgender people in correctional and detention settings
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$173,866.67 (\$7,200 of which is for lodging for a retreat for survivors.) The grant funding is proposed to cover 100% of one of the staff positions and 50% and 33% of the other two.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal:

Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in section 249(c) of title 18 of the United States Code: -Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the

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investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims. -Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings.

Maine:

Coordinated Community Response/Multi-disciplinary Response. Initiatives seeking funding under this priority area will aim to improve coordination of the justice system's response to domestic violence, sexual violence, and dating violence. -Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion. This priority area emphasizes upholding key victim services as well as expanding services to underserved areas and populations. - Training. The JAC provides funding to victim services providers, law enforcement, prosecution, medical services personnel, and other first responders -Policy, Procedures, and Planning. Funding in this priority area is geared toward developing evidence-based policies and practices in responding to domestic violence and sexual violence

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see one.

9. Other relevant information: No org chart, but stated they only employ 3 individuals who are mentioned and described in the application.

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BIDDER NAME: Maine Trans Network

DATE: 8/13/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 18 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- -Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male, and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in section 249(c) of title 18 of the United States Code. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the



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investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings.

Maine: -Coordinated Community Response/Multi-disciplinary Response. Initiatives seeking funding under this priority area will aim to improve coordination of the justice system's response to domestic violence, sexual violence, and dating violence. Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion. This priority area emphasizes upholding key victim services as well as expanding services to underserved areas and populations. Training. The JAC provides funding to victim services providers, law enforcement, prosecution, medical services personnel, and other first responders Policy, Procedures, and Planning. Funding in this priority area is geared toward developing evidence-based policies and practices in responding to domestic violence and sexual violence.

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes

9. Other relevant information-

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** MECASA: Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Mental Health Care for Survivors of Sexual Violence

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: MECASA is the statewide coalition of sexual assault centers
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
  - b. Description of Project – a pilot project providing mental health counseling to sexual assault survivors through a subcontract with a regional sexual assault center
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$103,144.46  
  
Includes full salary and fringe for therapist and portion of administrative and supervisory oversight as well as allocated costs for the agency.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a
9. Other relevant information: The need for such low barrier mental health services is clear.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: MECASA

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – very experienced.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 to 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – create a co-located mental health services within a SA support center
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses 103,144.46 – salary and benefits of therapist
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) victim services, Maine – increasing the ability for ME victims of crime to access services
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a

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**9. Other relevant information**

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant  
BIDDER NAME: MECASA  
DATE: 8/14/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

MECASA

- 40 years of experience as the statewide SA coalition
- All staff working on the proposed project have relevant experience

2. Proposed Services – Bridging the Gap: Enhancing MH Care for Survivors of SV

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-6/30/26

b. Description of Project –

Pilot project that would house a MH professional in one of the sexual assault support centers, offering both in person and remote support options. Site chosen will be one that is both rural and has demonstrated expertise in MH. The hope is that this work can provide a blueprint with which additional support centers throughout the state could use to embed these services into their programs in the future. Project addresses lack of current MH services or long waitlists for survivors.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$103,144.46 (majority of which is salary and fringe of newly hired therapist with small amount going to finance director and project supervisor as well as \$8K in other, including rent, supplies, etc.)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

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6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: Victim Services

Maine: Increasing ability for Maine victims of crime to access trauma-informed, victim-centered, direct services that support safety and healing by upholding key victim services and expanding services to underserved areas and populations.

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? 1 letter of support provided.

9. Other relevant information: n/a

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BIDDER NAME: MECASA

DATE: 8/13/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 15 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- Victim Services
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202406108

**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** NextStep Domestic Violence Project: Maximizing the Effectiveness of Criminal Justice System Responses to Victim Safety

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Next Step is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving Hancock and Washington Counties since 1993
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
  - b. Description of Project – improving notification of victims regarding status of offenders – release from jail, service of PFAs – and enhanced collaboration among advocates and cj system partners.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$55,000 on the first page, but the budget pages indicate \$69,000 that is straightforward salary, fringe, and mileage.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *no*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *yes*
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *n/a*
9. Other relevant information: Includes an MOU with the Hancock County SO that clearly outlines the collaboration and components of work as outlined in the application and a letter of support from the Office of Victim Services of the DOC.



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BIDDER NAME: NextStep

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience DVRC – very experienced.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 to 9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project -
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$69,200 salary/benefits
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *no*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 5, Maine CCR, victim service maintenance and expansion
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *N/A*

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9. Other relevant information. Goals 1- partnership with Sheriff and DOC. Goal 2 – already in statute, how can we strengthen.

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BIDDER NAME: NextStep  
DATE: 8/13/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

NextStep Domestic Violence Project (Next Step or NS) is a nonprofit, community-based organization, incorporated in 1993 under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3. NextStep provides services to victims and survivors of domestic violence (DV), dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking (including sexual assault as a tactic of abuse), and to the entire community. We provide education, training, and systems change advocacy in the effort to eliminate interpersonal and societal violence.

As a community-based organization, Next Step has a dual mission of (a) enhancing the safety of victims/survivors; and (b) creating a culture of change within our community to ultimately end interpersonal violence. We do this through consultation, education, presentations, and training, in various ways and locations. Our youth educators teach children and teens about healthy relationships, ways to foster a safe school climate, and how to seek help for themselves and others who may be being abused. We have a full-time educator/advocate who works within the DHHS child protective system, providing services to victims and support and education to caseworkers. We provide consultation and training to law enforcement, faith communities, health care systems, mental health providers and social workers, court personnel, educators and students, businesses, community groups, social service agencies, and more. In the past fiscal year, we provided training and education to 1,600 individuals. Since incorporating in 1993, Next Step has held contracts with federal and state agencies, quasigovernmental organizations, and community funders to provide victims' services and systems change work, after having satisfactorily demonstrated that Next Step has the requisite capacity to do so effectively. Examples of currently held contracting agencies include: USDOJ Office on Violence Against Women, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine State Housing Authority. For over a decade Next Step has prioritized legal

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services to victims of abuse and violence and has built an experienced team of advocates and attorneys. We have a full-time attorney. We have two staff whose primary focus is court advocacy, and all staff are trained to assist with protection order (PFA) applications (which are also reviewed by an attorney), and to engage in safety planning with victims and survivors. Next Step has a long history of working collaboratively with law enforcement, including through a task force previously funded by a STOP grant.

2. Proposed Services – Maximizing the Effectiveness of Criminal Justice System Responses to Victim Safety.

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25

b. Description of Project – Activities: NextStep will 1. Employ, train, and supervise a Hancock County-based Criminal Justice Advocate (1.0 FTE) to provide support and advocacy for survivors whose abusive partners/ex-partners are incarcerated or have other criminal justice involvement. 2. Assist with victim notification when offenders are being released from incarceration. Criminal justice personnel will notify the Criminal Justice Advocate when they have tried and failed to reach an individual to notify them, and the advocate will continue to reach out via whatever method deemed to be safe (phone, letter, email, text, or face-to-face contact). 3. Provide training, technical assistance, and consultation for corrections officers and other law enforcement personnel regarding (a) effective notification of release and (b) identifying and responding to offenders who contact victims, directly or indirectly, while incarcerated.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$69,200 (salary, fringe and travel)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5: Developing, Enlarging, or Strengthening

— Maine: Coordinated Community Response; Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion; —  
Enhanced Adjudication Process; and Training

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Included an MOU with Hancock County SO and letter of support from DOC.
9. Other relevant information: n/a

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**BIDDER NAME:** NextStep

**DATE:** 8/13/2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Meg Hatch

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- Developing, Enlarging, or Strengthening Victim Services, Maine: Coordinated Community Response; Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion; Enhanced Adjudication Process; and Training
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Partners for Peace: Justice Navigation Project

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: PFP is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties since 1973
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1//2024 – 9/30/2025
  - b. Description of Project – a deep dive into analyzing CJ system and DV...including specialized advocacy for CJ system involved survivors and CDVIP partner contacts.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$68,284 (\$67,659 personnel/\$625 training fees for strangulation institute and danger assessment) budget aligns with activities outlined in the grant.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *no*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *yes*
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *n/a*
9. Other relevant information: includes an agreement with the District Attorney's Office outlining the components of the plan and work as outlined in the proposal.

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**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** PartnerforPeace

**DATE:** August 15, 2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – DVRC, very experienced.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 through 9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – fund a justice navigator
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$67,669
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 4, Maine CCR, victim service maintenance, Policy procedure and planning, and technology and information.
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Sheriff (Penobscot and Piscataquis), Maine Pre-trial, DA, Penobscot nation, DVIP



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9. Other relevant information – received support from all agencies that need to collaborate on this.

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BIDDER NAME: Partners for Peace  
DATE: 8/13/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Partners for Peace (PFP) has a rich history of serving victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault for over 50 years. In 1973, Partners for Peace, became the first domestic violence resource center (DVRC) in the state of ME and the third in the U.S. Our mission is to engage individuals and the community to end domestic violence in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties in Maine. We provide support, advocacy and safety planning to anyone affected by domestic abuse. We foster safe and healthy relationships through prevention, education and training. Together with our community we recognize the nature of abuse, respond to it, and change the conditions which lead to it. Today, PFP proudly serves alongside the Penobscot Nation Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center for Indigenous survivors.

As a founding member of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV), PFP has deep experience participating in statewide efforts to ensure best practices. All staff and direct service volunteers complete a rigorous 45+ hour Core Comprehensive Advocacy, Intervention, Response and Ethics Training developed by MCEDV. All staff working under this grant will have completed this training, along with ongoing continuing education.

Partners for Peace has a substantial track record of implementing proposed projects and a history of sound financial and organizational management. PFP has maintained contracts with the federal government, state agencies, and local community funders. PFP has remained in compliance with Maine Housing standards, and all reporting requirements of the Department of Justice and the Office on Violence Against Women.

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2. Proposed Services – Justice Navigation Project

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25

b. Description of Project – One new staff position: The Justice Navigator provides individual criminal justice advocacy and support navigating complex systems, on behalf of victims and survivors of domestic violence within the justice system to increase their safety and knowledge of available resources. The Justice Navigator works closely with the Legal and Justice Services Program Manager and Legal Program to maintain effective and collaborative relationships systems-wide.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$67,659 (salary, fringe and training)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal:

Four. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Eleven. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families, including rehabilitative work with offenders.

Maine:

- Coordinated Community Response/Multidisciplinary Response. Initiatives seeking funding under this priority area will aim to improve coordination of the justice system's response to domestic violence, sexual violence, and dating violence.

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- Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion. This priority area emphasizes upholding key victim services as well as expanding services to underserved areas and populations.
  - Policy, Procedures, and Planning. Funding in this priority area is geared toward developing evidence-based policies and practices in responding to domestic violence and sexual violence
  - Technology and Information. Awards in this priority area are used to improve the sharing of information across systems to improve the safety of victims and safeguard evidence for prosecution purposes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Yes. 6 completed and signed forms!
9. Other relevant information: n/a

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BIDDER NAME: Partners for Peace

DATE: 8/13/2024

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- Four. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

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Maine: • Coordinated Community Response/Multi

disciplinary Response. Initiatives seeking funding under this priority area will aim to improve coordination of the justice system's response to domestic violence, sexual violence, and dating violence.

- Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion. This priority area emphasizes upholding key victim services as well as expanding services to underserved areas and populations.

- Policy, Procedures, and Planning. Funding in this priority area is geared toward developing evidence based policies and practices in responding to domestic violence and sexual violence

- Technology and Information. Awards in this priority area are used to improve the sharing of information across systems to improve the safety of victims and safeguard evidence for prosecution purposes

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes

9. Other relevant information

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Pine Tree Legal Civil Legal Assistance for Survivors

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: PTLA is the Legal Aid Provider entity for Maine
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
  - b. Description of Project – increase access to civil legal assistance for survivors of violence accessing PFAs in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington Counties
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$82,981 (\$40,871 match) are entirely salary and fringe
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes, though not enough information is provided to assess proportion of services specific to SA.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Should have a consultation form or MOU with the named entities that the proposal indicates would be partners.
9. Other relevant information

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BIDDER NAME: Pine Tree Legal

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – very qualified
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 1/1/25 to 12/31/25
  - b. Description of Project – family law victim rights attorney
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$82,981 and match of \$40,871
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 3,5 and 6, - Maine 1 and 2.
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? yes
9. Other relevant information- such an ongoing high need.



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EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Pine Tree Legal Assistance (PTLA) has substantial experience providing civil legal representation to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. PTLA is Maine's oldest and largest statewide civil legal aid provider. Our mission is to ensure that state and federal laws affecting poor people are upheld, while also addressing the systemic barriers to justice faced by Mainers with low incomes. We have successfully and effectively operated several specific sexual assault and domestic violence projects over our 50+ year history, expanding services and developing expertise to effectively handle the varied needs of survivors. Our Family Law and Victim Rights (FLVR) Unit is a statewide network of 15 attorneys and 3 paralegals providing holistic civil legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. In 2023 alone, PTLA provided legal help on 1,260 legal issues for survivors. In 2015, both the Maine Coalition against Sexual Assault and the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence recognized PTLA with awards for our advocacy on behalf of victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

2. Proposed Services – Civil Legal Assistance for Survivors

a. Duration of Project – 1/1/25-12/31/25

- b. Description of Project – One new staff position: The goal of this project is to that ensure that survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking have access to free, high-quality civil legal assistance that protects their safety, stability, and livelihoods. To achieve this goal, PTLA is requesting funding to support one new full-time attorney serving survivors in Penobscot,

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Piscataquis, Hancock and Washington Counties. This project will increase our capacity in some of Maine's most underserved regions.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$82,981 (all salary and fringe), match of \$40,871 to cover everything else including travel, equipment, etc.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 3, 5 and 6

Maine: 1 and 2

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Yes. 6 completed and signed forms!

9. Other relevant information: n/a

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**BIDDER NAME:** Pine Tree Legal

**DATE:** 8/13/2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Meg Hatch

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- #3, #5, #6, Maine #1,#2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Rape Response Services: Community Response to Violence Team

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: RRS is the Sexual Assault Center serving Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties since 1988
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
  - b. Description of Project – Dedicated staff support for regional CRVT Community Response to Violence Team that was formerly strong but diminished through pandemic. Project intends to bolster that group, increase outreach through court watch and legal advocacy and in rural hospitals
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$52,438  
40% of Project Coordinator Salary/fringe; mileage; supplies; IT and indirect costs
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a
9. Other relevant information Application includes no documents from project partners, which seems essential to the purpose of the application.

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DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – very experienced SA agency
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 to 6/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Gets the CCR up and running again, and provide advocacy
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses - \$52,438, 40% of a project coordinator position
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) Developing, enlarging or strengthening victim services. Maine – CCR/MDT
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/A

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9. Other relevant information – would have liked to see agreements with the other CCR members.

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DATE: 8/13/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Rape Response Services (RRS), a member center of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA), has served as the sexual assault support services center for Penobscot and Piscataquis counties since 1988. It became a subsidiary of Penquis, the community action agency for Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Knox counties, in 2008. The mission of RRS is to offer hope, support, and advocacy to victims and people affected by sexual assault and stalking and to provide education about sexual violence and promote prevention. Services include a 24-hour crisis and support line; information and support for victims and their family and friends; advocacy; accompaniment to the hospital, including forensic exams, and medical or legal appointments; support through the court process; and information and referral to other resources and alternative paths to healing. Rape Response Services also facilitates multidisciplinary teams, provides community education and school-based primary prevention programming, and engages in social change through community engagement. Rape Response Services and its staff have received numerous recognitions from the community, including a Community Service Award from the Maine Sheriff's Association, Children's Advocacy Center Award from MECASA, Advancing the Mission award from MECASA, and a Dove Award from Partners for Peace.

Rape Response Services has been providing sexual assault support services for nearly 30 years (the past 16 years as a Penquis subsidiary). Experienced staff will be responsible for project implementation and oversight.

2. Proposed Services – Community Response to Violence Team

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-6/30/26

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- b. Description of Project – One new position: Project Coordinator - A STOP grant will make it possible to dedicate staff time to building and strengthening CRVT participation and improving the region's coordinated response to sexual violence.

A Project Coordinator – Rape Response Services will be hired to conduct CRVT partner outreach and trainings, provide client outreach and direct services, and meet project goals and expectations. The project coordinator will receive 40-hour advocate training from Rape Response Services and trauma-informed approach training as well as additional trainings required by our statewide Quality Assurance Standards. Sixteen (16) hours of the project coordinator will be funded by STOP. This funding will complement existing funding for a 24-hour part-time position. The 24-hour part-time position, funded by an OVW rural grant, is currently vacant. In addition to supporting much needed services, the 16 hours funded by STOP will enable us to increase the position to full time, which will assist with recruitment.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$52,438 (salary, fringe, travel, supplies, IT, etc.). Approx \$40K of this is salary/fringe and rest is other. (Budget calculations were a little bit complex.)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services program

Maine: Coordinated Community Response/Multi-disciplinary Response; Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see any.

9. Other relevant information: This question on the first page of the application appears to have been incorreced checked off as "yes":



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“Received \$25 million or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards in the preceding fiscal year.”

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EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 18 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- #5, Coordinated Community Response/Multi-disciplinary Response; Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information

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**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** Safe Voices: Criminal Justice Advocacy and Supportive Services

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Safe Voices is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving the tri-county area of Androscoggin/Oxford/Franklin Counties since the 1977

2. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026

b. Description of Project – advocacy for survivors of dv who are involved with the CJ system, including those with partners in Domestic Violence Intervention Program, and DVIP program support...as well as engagement with system partners.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$45,000 (\$14,850 match)

Straightforward percentages of relevant staff for the proposed project.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *yes*

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *yes*

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *n/a*

9. Other relevant information: Excellent proposal. Thorough description of need, approach, and data.

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BIDDER NAME: Safe Voices – Criminal Justice advocacy & Support Services

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – very experienced, DVRC
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 through 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project - support DVIP and legal advocacy
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$45,000, match \$14,850, part of salary for two positions.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?*no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *yes*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *5, Maine – victim service maintenance.*
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *NA*

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**9. Other relevant information**

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BIDDER NAME: Safe Voices – Criminal Justice  
DATE: 8/14/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Safe Voices was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1977. The Safe Voices leadership staff responsible for providing administrative oversight for the organization programming and this grant work while carrying out the mission of Safe Voices have more than 35 years of combined experience in nonprofit management, best practices, and direct victim services. We have been providing advocacy services for more than 45 years. During that time, we have established and strengthened partnerships with a variety of providers and community resources and have piloted or been at the forefront of survivor-centered practices across the state. Safe Voices employs more than 30 staff across our service area and has outreach offices in Rumford and Farmington in addition to our newly renovated central administrative building in Lewiston and our confidential shelters. All staff and direct-service volunteers at Safe Voices undergo a 55-hour training, the Comprehensive Advocacy Intervention, Response and Ethics Training (CAIRET), which entails education on the dynamics of domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking, systems of oppression, power-based violence, and gender-based violence, best practices in trauma-informed advocacy, and much more. Our multidisciplinary team of experts will continue the work of implementing a comprehensive, coordinated approach to addressing domestic and dating abuse, sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties' court systems, providing support for survivors to increase safety in all of our communities.

2. Proposed Services – Criminal Justice Advocacy and Supportive Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/26

b. Description of Project – Continue currently funded services:

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Safe Voices Safe Voices is requesting STOP Grant funds to be utilized over a **one-year period**?. Funding will allow Safe Voices to support victim services through our Criminal Court Advocacy and Certified Domestic Violence Intervention programming. STOP grant funds will be utilized to support our Court Advocate and Outreach Advocate. The Outreach Advocate will spend time each week providing comprehensive, wraparound support for survivors of domestic violence who have current or former partners enrolled in Safe Voices' offender accountability program. The Outreach Advocate will spend approximately 25% of her time on the work of this project as described in the proposal. The Court Advocate provides criminal legal advocacy and support to survivors who seek safety through the criminal justice system, supporting them with court hearings and trials and associated victim services as described in the proposal. The Court advocate will spend approximately 51% of her time on the project. The funds requested for these two positions include the relative proportion of salary and benefits, including FICA, unemployment insurance, and worker's compensation. The specific activities each of these staff will be responsible for are described in detail within this proposal. The CDVIP Coordinator oversees the CDVIP staff and classes as described in the proposal and will spend approximately 26% of his time on the project, working to increase survivor safety through offender accountability. Funds for this position will be covered by Safe Voices' match contribution. Participant fees help to sustain CDVIP, including expenses related to the full work and administration of the program such as salary, fringe for all facilitators.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$45,000, with \$14,850 in match.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services and legal assistance to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing

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reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion, Enhanced Adjudication Process

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see any. App claims none needed.

9. Other relevant information: Application says they're requesting funding for one year, but project duration is entered as 10/1/24-9/30/26.

Question - What's the difference between Legal Advocacy Coordinator and Court Advocate? Agency has submitted 2 proposals, one for each of these roles.



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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- #5, Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion, Enhanced Adjudication Process
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information

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BIDDER NAME: Safe Voices: Franklin County Comprehensive Victim Services

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Safe Voices is the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving the tri-county area of Androscoggin/Oxford/Franklin Counties since the 1977

2. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026

b. Description of Project – advocacy for survivors of dv in Franklin County as well as engagement with system partners.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$55,000 (\$10,770 match)

Straightforward percentages of relevant staff for the proposed project.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *yes*

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *yes*

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *n/a*

9. Other relevant information: Great letters of support. Thorough description of need, approach, and data.

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – very experienced, DVRC
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 through 9/30/26 (past available funds)
  - b. Description of Project - fund ongoing support services and court advocacy, and serve on the CCR.
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$55,000, match \$10,770, percentage of salary of two positions
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?*no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *yes*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) *5, Maine – victim service maintenance.*
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *NA*

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**9. Other relevant information**

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Safe Voices was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1977. The Safe Voices leadership staff responsible for providing administrative oversight for the organization programming and this grant work while carrying out the mission of Safe Voices have more than 35 years of combined experience in nonprofit management, best practices, and direct victim services. We have been providing advocacy services for more than 45 years. During that time, we have established and strengthened partnerships with a variety of providers and community resources and have piloted or been at the forefront of survivor-centered practices across the state. Safe Voices employs more than 30 staff across our service area and has outreach offices in Rumford and Farmington in addition to our newly renovated central administrative building in Lewiston and our confidential shelters. All staff and direct-service volunteers at Safe Voices undergo a 55-hour training, the Comprehensive Advocacy Intervention, Response and Ethics Training (CAIRET), which entails education on the dynamics of domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking, systems of oppression, power-based violence, and gender-based violence, best practices in trauma-informed advocacy, and much more. Our multidisciplinary team of experts will continue the work of implementing a comprehensive, coordinated approach to addressing domestic and dating abuse, sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties' court systems, providing support for survivors to increase safety in all of our communities.

2. Proposed Services – Franklin County Comprehensive Victim Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/26

b. Description of Project – Continue currently funded services:

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Safe Voices is requesting STOP Grant funds to be utilized **over a one-year period.**? Funding will allow Safe Voices to retain a full-time Legal Advocacy Coordinator. This staff position is the only advocate in Franklin County providing comprehensive civil and criminal court support and direct service to victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking and dating violence. She will spend approximately 81% of her time on the work of this project, as described in the proposal. The funds requested for this position includes the relative proportion of salary and benefits, including FICA, unemployment insurance, and worker's compensation. The specific activities staff will be responsible for are described in detail within this proposal. The Legal Advocacy Program Manager oversees the project implementation and supervises the Franklin County Advocate. She will spend approximately 15% of her time on the work of this project. Funds for this position will be covered by Safe Voices' match contribution.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$55,000, with \$10,770 in match.

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services and legal assistance to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? 4 letters of support included.

9. Other relevant information: Application says they're requesting funding for one year, but project duration is entered as 10/1/24-9/30/26.

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Question - What's the difference between Legal Advocacy Coordinator and Court Advocate? Agency has submitted 2 proposals, one for each of these roles.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Safe Voices Franklin County

DATE: 8/13/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- #5, Victim service maintenance and expansion.
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information



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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: SASSAMM is the Sexual Assault Center serving the midcoast since 1983
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
  - b. Description of Project – advocacy for sexual assault survivors and engagement with system partners in E. Cumberland, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc Counties
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$124,227.47  
  
Seeks 2 FTE of advocates plus mileage, and materials, etc. The salary level is very low for the current climate. Very large grant request for the STOP funding from a local/regional provider.
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a
9. Other relevant information:

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: SASSM

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – well established SA agency
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25
  - b. Description of Project – enhance MDT partnerships and systems that respond to SV and provide services for victims engaged in these systems
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$124,228 mostly salary of two system advocates
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 5 and 7, Maine 1 and 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a

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9. Other relevant information – are the MDT partners on board? Commitment from them.

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BIDDER NAME: SASSMM  
DATE: 8/14/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Established in 1983, SASSMM is an agency of professionals and trained volunteers dedicated to providing advocacy and support to survivors, families and concerned others impacted by sexual violence (e.g. sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sex trafficking, stalking, etc.). SASSMM is the sole service provider in the Midcoast region with a focus on sexual violence and is a member of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, working side by side with Maine's other six sexual assault support centers. SASSMM's initial service area was Eastern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln Counties, but expanded to include Knox and Waldo Counties in 2011, when the public health districts were realigned. In 2017, SASSMM secured funding to increase our staffing to better serve our newer and more rural counties and has continued to grow our programming to better meet needs in prevention education across our schools and intervention services in all our communities. We have focused our efforts on increasing all Midcoast communities' access to and knowledge of our free and confidential services and created three dedicated Midcoast Children's Advocacy Centers. Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) provide a coordinated, community-wide response to allegations of child sexual abuse and bring together members of district attorney's offices, law enforcement, medical and mental health providers, child welfare investigators, and support service providers to best serve a child victim of sexual violence. Our MCACs are currently located in Boothbay Harbor, Rockland, and Searsport, to ensure all people in our service area are within one hour's drive of a CAC.

SASSMM has been fortunate to receive several STOP awards over the years providing essential victim services to our Midcoast communities. SASSMM recently began implementing new STOP Grant funding (VS-11-22) in Knox/Waldo.

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**2. Proposed Services – System Advocates**

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/25

b. Description of Project – Expanding currently funded services:

The funding to employ two Systems Advocates in our southern service areas (Eastern Cumberland/Lincoln/Sagadahoc County-ECLS), and their coordination of service delivery, collaboration, and training of specific systems partners (legal, law enforcement, corrections, and medical). STOP funds are being used to support similar efforts in Knox/Waldo with funding that recently began 7/1/2024, and the additional STOP funds being requested for ECLS, would balance our client support needs and presence in the four courts and hospitals, two jails, and one state prison within our service area.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$124,227.47 (2 positions, 1 is existing and 1 will be new, mostly salary and fringe with \$5K for travel and \$11K in other, such as technology and occupancy. \$5K alone is in rent.)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5 & 7

Maine: 1 & 2

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see any.

9. Other relevant information: n/a

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**RFA TITLE:** 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**BIDDER NAME:** SASSMM

**DATE:** 8/13/2024

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Meg Hatch

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** SAPARS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 18 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- #5, #7, Maine #1 and #2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information

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RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Through These Doors: Enhancing Safety and Reentry Services

DATE: 8/15/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Francine Stark

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: TTD has been the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center in Cumberland County since 1977
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026
  - b. Description of Project – continued specialized and intensive support for incarcerated women through the reentry process with emphasis on housing in coming phase
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$66,136  
  
Clear, straightforward salary, fringe, mileage, and a few supplies for the survivor programs
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) yes
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? n/a
9. Other relevant information: Excellent MOU included; excellent proposal and outcome data.

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RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: Through These Doors

DATE: August 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Shira Burns

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Prosecutors Association

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience – DVRC, very experienced.
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – April 1, 2025 to 3/31/26
  - b. Description of Project – reduce barriers to success for justice involved survivors of abuse currently incarcerated and reentering in the community
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$66,136 mostly salary, includes backpack supplies
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? *no*
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? *no*
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? *yes*
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) 5 and 7, Maine 1 and 2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? *N/a*



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**9. Other relevant information**

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BIDDER NAME: Through These Doors  
DATE: 8/14/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

Founded in 1977, Through These Doors is the only domestic violence resource center providing victim advocacy services to victims and survivors of domestic abuse in Cumberland County serving both rural and urban areas. TTD has dedicated staff and volunteers who provide a range of support services. All new staff and volunteers complete a 44-hour training facilitated by experienced TTD staff with continuing education expectations. Additionally, TTD accepts both bachelor's and master's levels interns to work alongside our employees. The proposed activities in this grant will be overseen by the Director of Advocacy and Victim Services, Jen LaChance, who has a lengthy tenure at the organization and has been overseeing advocacy work within correctional settings since 2005. Jen has received both local and national recognition for her work with justice involved survivors of abuse. Most notably, in 2023, Jen was appointed to the National Association of Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council for the Office of Victims of Crime grant focusing on survivor defendants. Through These Doors' Co-Executive Directors Rebecca Hobbs and Jenny Stasio are responsible for organizational oversight and administration of grant funds. Rebecca is a CPA who spent nine years as a nonprofit auditor; three as a financial consultant to nonprofits and certified fraud examiner; and 25 years working in domestic violence resource centers in Maine as an advocate, trainer, administrator, resource developer and executive director. Jenny is a licensed clinical social worker in the State of Maine and has been working and volunteering in domestic violence resource centers in Maine since 2003. Prior to becoming a Co-Executive Director, Jenny held various other positions at TTD including Incarcerated Women's Advocate, Residential Services Director and Director of Operations.

2. Proposed Services – Enhancing Safety and Reentry Services

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a. Duration of Project – 4/1/25-3/31/26

b. Description of Project –

TTD's proposed continuation project, Enhancing Safety & Reentry Services, will continue the critical work of providing comprehensive, holistic victim advocacy services to justice involved survivors of abuse incarcerated at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC), the Southern Maine Women's Re-Entry Center (SMWRC) and the community post-release to improve safety. This project provides advocacy services for justice involved survivors of abuse both while they are incarcerated and as they reintegrate into the community. TTD deeply values the opportunity to support justice involved survivors of abuse by offering a variety of groups and individual advocacy services in the correctional facilities as well as providing a full spectrum of services to individuals post incarceration. Providing victim services to justice involved survivors both while incarcerated and post release provides survivors the opportunity to address trauma, understand the dynamics of abuse and that they are not alone in their experiences, learn about options and supports that may increase their safety and wellbeing, and get connected to resources. TTD believes victim advocacy paired with referrals and linkages to financial assistance and mainstream resources is best practice and is an important gap that TTD is uniquely poised to fill for this underserved population.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$66,136 (mostly salary and fringe, with a small amount for travel and \$3K in program supplies for activities with clients)

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No.

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5 & 7

Maine: 1 & 2

8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Signed MOU with DOC included.

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9. Other relevant information: This question appears to have been incorrectly answered as "no" in the application.

"Funds received through this grant will be used to supplement, not supplant, funds allocated for the program."

Also, unclear why they chose the start/end dates of the project as they did.

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- #5, #7, Maine #1 and #2
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information

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**BIDDER NAME:** United Somali Women of Maine

**DATE:** 8/15/24

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: This section of the application on page 5 was left blank.

The Required Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act component of the application was not completed...it is a signed blank form.

The description of USWM on p. 18 indicates a staff of over 30, but the org chart lists 12. The advocacy program staff in the budget are mostly 'TBD', which does not align with the capacity description that indicates a number of advocates working to provide services, supported by crime victim service funds.

USWM (also called the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine) has been operating for 20 years, providing services to the New Mainer population, particularly in the Lewiston and Portland areas.

2. Proposed Services

- a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026
- b. Description of Project – to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services for the refugee and immigrant victims at local and state levels; to provide public education; enhance service delivery system; convene a statewide council that addresses the barriers to this population.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$151,162

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes

5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? yes

6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? The application says yes, however USWM/IRCM did not have a STOP award in 2023.

7. Federal purpose area (s) not specified but indicated generally as 'sexual assault & underserved populations', and Maine's Priority Area (s) was not filled in

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8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? the application indicates that there are MOUs attached, but no MOUs are attached.
9. Other relevant information

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- missing information about experience
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24 to 9/30/26 (go outside available funds)
  - b. Description of Project – victim services for a targeted population
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses 151,162 mostly percentages of personnel
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) SA and underserved populations. No Maine area?
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Don't see one, do they need one?



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9. Other relevant information – need answers to the FFATA or Transparency Act.

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DATE: 8/14/24  
EVALUATOR NAME: Alicia Hunter  
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

USWM has provided culturally specific, comprehensive victim services for 20 years. USWM currently provides outreach, advocacy, education, cross-cultural brokering, victim case management, crisis intervention, and referral for services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The organization delivers these services statewide, although most services are delivered in Portland, Lewiston, and Augusta. USMW maintains offices in Lewiston, Augusta, Brunswick and Portland. In addition to normal business hours, victim crisis response services are available 24 hours. Multilingual Victim Advocates have company cell phones and victims know to call their advocate's cell number. USWM maintains the victim assistance grants and contracts from the following sources STOP, SASP, VOCA, FVPSA, State general Funds to provide victims of crime services. USWM has maintained grants and contracts with the federal government and the State of Maine since 2002. USWM is experienced at managing the programmatic, administrative, and fiscal responsibilities of these awards and maintains written policies enforced by executive staff and the Board of Directors.

USWM has years of delivering direct intervention services to refugee, asylum seeker and immigrant victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Maine. These direct services include linguistically and culturally appropriate victim advocacy and accompaniment to mainstream healthcare services, shelters, mental health recovery services, the court system, and child protective services.

2. Proposed Services – New Mainers Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Initiative

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- a. Duration of Project – 10/1/24-9/30/26 (this appears to be an error as the funding requested is organized over one year in the budget section)

- b. Description of Project –

The proposed project will continue to address the critical needs of sexual assault and domestic violence victims and survivors within Maine's refugees, asylum seekers and immigrant communities with linguistically and culturally appropriate services.

Funds for 2.50 FTE multilingual Victim Advocates devoted to sexual assault and domestic violence services – a 1.0 FTE Somali/French-speaking Advocate based in Lewiston to serve Androscoggin County, a 1.0 FTE Arabic speaking Advocate to serve Kennebec County, as well as a 0.15 FTE Program Coordinator based in Lewiston to serve Androscoggin County and Kennebec County, and a 0.15 FTE Grants Manager to prepare required reports and monitor compliance. These positions will provide direct victim services and case management for refugee, asylum seeker and immigrants victims and survivors and will function as liaisons between victims and survivors and mainstream sexual assault and domestic violence service providers, making confidential referrals, cultural broker services and language access as needed.

3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$151,162 (while this mostly consists of partial salary and fringe for 6 positions, 12K is for rent, phones, tech, etc.)
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes.
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes.
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
- Federal: Sexual Assault & Underserved Populations
- Maine: None provided
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed? Didn't see any. Also, cert. of insurance was not provided.
9. Other relevant information:

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None of these 3 questions were answered:

- Received 80% or more of the Subgrant Recipient's annual gross revenues in Federal awards in the preceding fiscal year. YES ☐ NO ☐
- Received \$25 million or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards in the preceding fiscal year. YES ☐ NO ☐
- The public does not have access to the information about the compensation of the senior executives of the Subgrant Recipient. (PLEASE NOTE: The public has access to State and local government agency records (e.g. salary information), as well as information about State and local law enforcement agencies. Therefore, these entities don't meet Requirement #3 and do not have to report requested information) YES ☐ NO ☐

Also, it looks like this proposal is for funding for one year, but project dates in app are 2 years.

STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFA #: 202406108

RFA TITLE: 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

BIDDER NAME: United Somali Women of Maine

DATE: 8/13/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Meg Hatch

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: SAPARS

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**Instructions:** *The purpose of this form is to record proposal review notes written by **individual** evaluators for this Request for Proposals (RFP) process. It is **required** that each individual evaluator make notes for each proposal that he or she reviews. No numerical scoring should take place on these notes, as that is performed only during team consensus evaluation meetings. A separate form is available for team consensus evaluation notes and scoring. Once complete, please submit a copy of this document to your Department's RFP Coordinator or Lead Evaluator for this RFA.*

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience- Yes
2. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project - 12 months
  - b. Description of Project - clear and thorough
3. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses- Yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes
5. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Yes
6. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)- Sexual Assault & Underserved Populations
8. Consultation/Collaboration Form Required/Signed?- Yes
9. Other relevant information- missing some information



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*Shira S. Burns*

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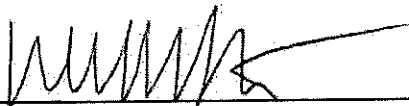
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*Heather Putnam*  
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Signature

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I, (print name at right) Rebecca Austin accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Public Safety. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.

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Rebecca Austin  
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I, Lisa Marchese

accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Public Safety. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Marchese'.

Signature

August 16, 2024

Date