

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

| RFP# 202506089                                         |                         |                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                      |                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| STOP Violence Against Women Grant                      |                         |                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                      |                                                                        |
| <b>Bidder Name:</b><br>Category:                       |                         | <b>Brunswick Police Department</b><br>Law enforcement   | <b>Lewiston Police Department</b><br>Law enforcement                            | <b>Maine Judicial Branch</b><br>Court                                | <b>Maine Prosecutors Association</b><br>Prosecution                    |
| <b>Proposed Cost:</b>                                  |                         | <b>\$66,786</b>                                         | <b>\$144,113</b>                                                                | <b>\$54,512</b>                                                      | <b>\$272,559</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                      | 28                                                      | 28                                                                              | 30                                                                   | 30                                                                     |
| Section III: Proposed Services                         | 40                      | 40                                                      | 35                                                                              | 40                                                                   | 40                                                                     |
| Section IV: Cost Proposal                              | 30                      | 26                                                      | 25                                                                              | 30                                                                   | 30                                                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                           | <b><u>100</u></b>       | <b><u>94</u></b>                                        | <b><u>88</u></b>                                                                | <b><u>100</u></b>                                                    | <b><u>100</u></b>                                                      |
| <b>Bidder Name:</b><br>Category:                       |                         | <b>Waldo County Sheriff's Office</b><br>Law enforcement | <b>Caring Unlimited-Legal Assistance for Victims Program</b><br>Victim Services | <b>Caring Unlimited Outreach Services Program</b><br>Victim Services | <b>Family Violence Legal Assistance for Victims</b><br>Victim Services |
| <b>Proposed Cost:</b>                                  |                         | <b>\$78,992</b>                                         | <b>\$35,598</b>                                                                 | <b>\$42,562</b>                                                      | <b>\$29,414</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                      | 38                                                      | 40                                                                              | 40                                                                   | 40                                                                     |
| Section IV: Cost Proposal                              | 30                      | 28                                                      | 30                                                                              | 30                                                                   | 30                                                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                           | <b><u>100</u></b>       | <b><u>96</u></b>                                        | <b><u>100</u></b>                                                               | <b><u>100</u></b>                                                    | <b><u>100</u></b>                                                      |

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| Bidder Name:<br>Category:                                 |                     | Family Violence<br>Project-Strengthening<br>24/7 Victim Services<br>Victim Services | Her Safety Net<br>Victim Services                               | Hope and Justice<br>Project<br>Victim Services | Ifka Community<br>Services<br>Victim Services    |
| Proposed Cost:                                            |                     | \$73,457                                                                            | \$76,171.34                                                     | \$70,682.04                                    | \$85,000                                         |
| Scoring Sections                                          | Points<br>Available |                                                                                     |                                                                 |                                                |                                                  |
| Section I: Preliminary Information                        | Pass/Fail           | Fail                                                                                | Pass                                                            | Fail                                           | Fail                                             |
| Section II: Organization<br>Qualifications and Experience | 30                  | 30                                                                                  | 30                                                              | 30                                             | 20                                               |
| Section III: Proposed Services                            | 40                  | 40                                                                                  | 40                                                              | 35                                             | 30                                               |
| Section IV: Cost Proposal                                 | 30                  | 27                                                                                  | 30                                                              | 29                                             | 20                                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                              | <b>100</b>          | <b>97</b>                                                                           | <b>100</b>                                                      | <b>94</b>                                      | <b>70</b>                                        |
| Bidder Name:<br>Category:                                 |                     | Lisungi Assistance<br>Maine<br>Victim Services                                      | Next Step<br>Domestic<br>Violence<br>Project<br>Victim Services | Partners for<br>Peace<br>Victim Services       | Pine Tree Legal<br>Assistance<br>Victim Services |
| Proposed Cost:                                            |                     | \$60,000                                                                            | \$71,694                                                        | \$62,463                                       | \$96,807                                         |
| Scoring Sections                                          | Points<br>Available |                                                                                     |                                                                 |                                                |                                                  |
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| Section III: Proposed Services                            | 40                  | 27                                                                                  | 40                                                              | 40                                             | 37                                               |
| Section IV: Cost Proposal                                 | 30                  | 20                                                                                  | 30                                                              | 30                                             | 29                                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                              | <b>100</b>          | <b>67</b>                                                                           | <b>100</b>                                                      | <b>100</b>                                     | <b>96</b>                                        |

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| Bidder Name:<br>Category:                                 |                     | Safe Voices-<br>Criminal Justice<br>Advocacy &<br>Response<br>Services<br>Victim Services | Safe Voices-<br>Franklin County<br>Victim Services<br>Victim Services | Sexual Assault<br>Support Services<br>of Midcoast<br>Maine<br>Victim Services | Through These<br>Doors<br>Victim Services |
| Proposed Cost:                                            |                     | \$33,760                                                                                  | \$43,760                                                              | \$80,000                                                                      | \$66,885                                  |
| Scoring Sections                                          | Points<br>Available |                                                                                           |                                                                       |                                                                               |                                           |
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**Award Justification Statement  
STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant  
RFA #202506089**

**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 three proposals; all 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 all 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 fifteen 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 ten applicants receiving the highest scores.



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September 22, 2025

Brunswick Police Department  
Attn: Chief Scott Stewart  
85 Pleasant Street  
Brunswick, ME 04011

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202506089 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Dear Chief Stewart,

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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Thank you for your interest in doing business with the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

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Lewiston Police Department  
Attn: Mr. Aaron Schmitz  
171 Park Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240

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

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Dear Ms. Doherty,

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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

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Dear Ms. Burns,

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

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
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Dear Sheriff Trundy,

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

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83 Western Avenue  
Augusta, ME 04330

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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

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IFKA Community Services  
Attn: Mr. ifraax Saciid-ciise  
229 Lisbon Street, Suite B  
Lewiston, ME 04240

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Attn: Mr. Martin Kiende  
59 Sabattus Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240

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NextStep Domestic Violence Project  
Attn: Ms. Kelly Brown  
PO Box 1466  
Ellsworth, ME 04605

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Partners for Peace  
Attn: Ms. Amanda Cost  
77 Essex Street  
Bangor, ME 04401

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Attn: Ms. Lucia Hunt  
88 Federal Street, PO Box 547  
Portland, ME 04112

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Attn: Ms. Rebecca Austin  
PO Box 713  
Auburn, ME 04212-0713

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**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



**Janet Mills  
Governor**

**Michael J. Sauschuck  
Commissioner**

September 22, 2025

Safe Voices – Franklin County  
Attn: Ms. Rebecca Austin  
PO Box 713  
Auburn, ME 04212-0713

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202506089 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Dear Ms. Austin,

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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- Caring Unlimited-Outreach
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- Family Violence - LAV
- Partners for Peace
- Her Safety Net
- Sexual Assault Supp SVC Midcoast Maine
- Safe Voices, Criminal Justice
- Safe Voices, Franklin County Victim Services
- Through These Doors

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Sincerely,

*Michelle Morse*

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September 22, 2025

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

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202506089 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Dear Ms. Clements,

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**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



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Commissioner**

September 22, 2025

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

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Award,  
RFA# 202506089 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Dear Ms. Stasio,

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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**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Brunswick Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

**Names of Evaluators:** Derek Gorneau, Scott Pelletier, Donna Strickler

| <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>28</b>                    |
| Section III. Proposed Services                                                                                   | <b>40</b>                      | <b>40</b>                    |
| Section IV. Cost Proposal                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                      | <b>26</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>94</u></b>             |

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Brunswick Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

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|                                                  |      |
| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

Pass

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Brunswick Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

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

|                                                        | <u>Points<br/>Available</u> | <u>Points<br/>Awarded</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>28</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

The Chief has 35 years of law enforcement experience and will serve as the President of the Maine Chief's Association in the Fall. Brunswick Police Department has worked with Through These Doors for several years and partnered with them to form a High-Risk Response Team focused on domestic violence situations.

Brunswick has participated in this project but this is their first time serving as the lead.

History of strong, ongoing DV services through multi agency collaboration, sharing each other's resources and officers to enhance response levels. Strong commitment to training and recruiting other agencies.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Brunswick Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/2025-10/31/2026

Westbrook was the prior lead on this project and now Brunswick is taking over the lead on this project.

Member of the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) enhancing victim services with “Though These Doors” bring a broader support mechanism to victims.

Three Maine Priority areas

1. Coordinated Community Response/Multidisciplinary Response.
2. Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion.
3. Training.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Brunswick Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 26             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Federal Proposed Cost \$66,786 Proposed Match \$24,123

The calculations on the budget are going to need to be redone to show their annual salary and their percentages of time spent on the project.

The calculations for the Match don't make sense.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

**Names of Evaluators:** Derek Gorneau, Scott Pelletier, Donna Strickler

| <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>28</b>                    |
| Section III. Proposed Services                                                                                   | <b>40</b>                      | <b>35</b>                    |
| Section IV. Cost Proposal                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                      | <b>25</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>88</u></b>             |

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

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|                                                  |      |
| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

Pass

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

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

|                                                        | <u>Points<br/>Available</u> | <u>Points<br/>Awarded</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>28</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

This project has been in existence for several years and because of that they are well equipped to continue and expand on our response to incidents of domestic violence.

They could have explained their qualifications better in the application.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11-01-2025 thru 06-30-2027

Applicants' narrative details lacked specific details in outlining required narrative descriptions. Many were "See above" as answers to specific descriptive questions.

Lewiston PD has had an existing, robust DV response unit funded through prior STOP DV grants. The DV coordinator has been a Lewiston PD detective fully funded by Lewiston PD. They are attempting to offset the cost by utilizing grant funds along with PD funds to fund the coordinator.

There is a lot of data that speaks to their success.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 25             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Federal Proposed Cost \$144,113 Proposed Match \$64,426

This budget seems reasonable and relatively well outlined.

There were questions pertaining to the salary and FTE for the Project Leader, Response Team Officers and PRT Team Leader. The numbers provided were not clear.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

**Names of Evaluators:** Derek Gorneau, Chief John Kilbride, Donna Strickler

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| <u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>                                                                                        | <u>Pass</u>             | <u>Fail</u>           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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>                |                       |
| <u>Scoring Sections</u>                                                                                          | <u>Points Available</u> | <u>Points Awarded</u> |
| 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>     |

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

Pass

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

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

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Experienced in managing STOP grants and other grants to supplement operations.

Direct contact with victims and providing last resort guidance to criminal prosecution.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/2025-6/30/2027

Request not directly related to sexual assault, but video production could open doors to those with different language barriers and cultural challenges.

Large audience with ASL interpreting will reach many. Language barriers with this form of questioning regarding protection orders is very common.

The request is not directly related to sexual assault, but video production could open doors to those with language barriers.

This is a simple and straightforward project that will have a substantial positive impact on many State of Maine Citizens.

Two Maine Priority areas

1. Coordinated Community Response/Multidisciplinary Response.
2. Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 30             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

\$54,512 Requested Federal Funds \$26,849 Proposed Match

\$41,512 to contract with a videographer and sign language interpreter to create the videos.

\$13,000 to contract through a Master Agreement with Idea Translations.

Organized, detailed and easy to follow the budget.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

**Names of Evaluators:** Derek Gorneau, Chief John Kilbride, Donna Strickler

| <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>                       |                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Applicant must be eligible Prosecutor entity or meet the criteria to receive STOP Prosecutor funding.</li></ul>          | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Application must include information for proposed project on the Application Form found on page 16 of the RFA.</li></ul> | <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>            |

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
Preliminary Information**

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

Pass

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

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

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Maine Prosecutors Association is the only statewide association of district attorneys.
- Maine Prosecutors Association has an extensive history of prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault cases, particularly the York County office.
- They have exclusive jurisdiction with the exception of federal crimes.
- Continuing program with measured success.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/2025-6/30/2027

They provided good examples of prosecuting sexual assault cases.

Training law enforcement and developing pro-active teams.

30% application is prosecuting sexual assault cases.

Covers a major area in the State of Maine (Population 220,000).

Two Maine Priority areas

1. Coordinated Community Response/Multidisciplinary Response.
2. Training
3. Policy, Procedures, and Planning.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 30             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Federal Proposed Cost \$272,559 Proposed Match \$136,279.50

Healthy Match and commitment.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Waldo County Sheriff Office

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

**Names of Evaluators:** Derek Gorneau, Scott Pelletier, Donna Strickler

| <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>                       |                              |
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| <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>             |

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

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Organization Qualifications and Experience**

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Waldo County Sheriff's Office also has extensive experience in law enforcement and domestic violence and sexual assault and because of that they are well equipped to continue and expand on the project and partnership with New Hope Midcoast which is an established Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center.

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>38</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/2025-6/30/2027

Expand existing program with Knox SO by sharing award funds to increase the collaborative efforts that exist with New Hope for Women. The award would increase the needed program to a broader, rural area of the state.

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| <b>Section IV. Cost Proposal</b> | <b>30</b>        | <b>28</b>      |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Anticipated grant related expenses; \$78,992 to be divided between Waldo and Knox SO's.  
Information as to where the rental space is was vague.  
Percentages for the Legal Advocacy Director seem high.

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**Names of Evaluators:** Alicia Hunter, Francine Garland-Stark, Jess Bedard, and Shira Burns

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)                                                                 | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
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| 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>            |

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Caring Unlimited is York County's designated domestic violence resource center, serving the area since 1977.

They are the only source of free civil legal services in York County, strong track record, high client satisfaction, and innovative partnerships.

Senior Attorney/Program Coordinator Jim Amendolara has more than 18 years' experience exclusively providing civil legal services to victims of domestic violence.

Provides a comprehensive continuum of services including 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing navigation, support groups, individualized advocacy, prevention education, and civil legal services.

In FY25, on track to serve over 600 individuals with legal advocacy and representation.

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Project Period 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026

Collaboration w/MVLP and law school; 100% of respondents would not have otherwise had legal services; data regarding people served

Developing, Enlarging, or Strengthening victim services program and Maine's Priority Area (s) Victim Services Maintenance and Expansion

Strong outcomes that are very impactful.

The LAV Program provides critical legal advocacy and representation to survivors navigating the civil legal system, particularly in Protection from Abuse (PFA) cases.

Client outcome data: 100 percent of survey respondents reported they could not have accessed legal services elsewhere and felt safer as a result of services.

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| <b>Section IV. Cost Proposal</b> | <b>30</b>        | <b>30</b>      |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**Budget Provided**

Budget is clearly laid out and aligned with grant goals.

No additional costs requested for travel, equipment, or operating expenses. Budget is lean and tightly focused on personnel.

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| 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>            |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Caring Unlimited is the designated Domestic Violence Resource Center for York County, uniquely positioned to do this project.

Offers a comprehensive array of direct services including a 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing navigation, support groups, individual advocacy and safety planning, and civil legal services. Each year serve almost 2000 people in direct service programs.

Member of MCEDV, adhering to statewide quality assurance standards and monitored regularly for compliance.

Strong track record of administering federal and state grants, including prior STOP awards.

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Project Period 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

Advocacy and support groups; services for incarcerated survivors; high-risk response team convening for 4 cases; and training or law enforcement.

The data regarding services for prior year demonstrates outcome of the outreach.

The program's goals are to enhance survivors' safety, improve systemic responses, and foster a coordinated community response.

The program has maintained a robust presence across the county, offering trauma-informed, culturally responsive services to non-residential clients.

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| <b>Section IV. Cost Proposal</b> | <b>30</b>        | <b>30</b>      |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**Budget Provided**

All funds are for personnel costs across four positions. No travel, equipment, or other expenses requested.

Budget is lean, straightforward, and consistent with project activities.

Caring Unlimited offers robust staff benefits, though no STOP funds are used for fringe above salaries.

The budget clearly lists personnel w/portion to be paid w/grant funds, representing the sustainable team approach.

While there is no match required, a number of costs are otherwise covered by CU that complement the program, i.e., direct financial assistance for victims, mileage, and other operating costs

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)                                                                                                               | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Applicant must be eligible Victim Service provider or meet the criteria to receive STOP VS funding.</li></ul>            | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
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| <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>            |

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

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

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

FVP is the regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving the area and has many years of experience including many previous STOP Grants that have been successfully implemented.

They had a great description of collaboration with the sexual assault organization.

They provide a comprehensive array of trauma-informed, survivor-centered services: 24/7 helpline, shelter, housing, civil legal advocacy, CPS liaison work, and Maine's largest Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

Close partnership with the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center (SAC&SC) ensures survivors of both domestic and sexual violence receive coordinated services.

As a member of both the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, FVP meets rigorous standards for service provision and coordination within state and national networks.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26

Increased advocacy services for victims in both civil and criminal cases across the project area in Augusta, Waterville, & Skowhegan.

The data demonstrates a need.

There is a clear description of activities, including supervision and attention to quality of services.

Continued referrals for direct legal representation through partnership with Pine Tree Legal Assistance.

Court advocates will continue to attend monthly collaborative community efforts such as the Kennebec & Somerset Domestic Violence Task Forces.

Court advocates will receive trauma-informed legal systems training and ongoing supervision from FVP's Outreach Director to ensure consistency, professionalism, and adherence to non-legal boundaries.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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| <b>Section IV. Cost Proposal</b> | <b>30</b>        | <b>30</b>      |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**Budget Provided**

Federal request: \$29,414 (no match required).

All funds allocated to personnel: 22% of salary/benefits for two Outreach Advocates.

No funds requested for travel, equipment, contractual, or other expenses.

Budget appears complete and reasonable.

Sustainability: Applicant notes their intent to seek other funding sources for future years

The budget showed clear and simple portion of salaries and fringe.

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| <b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>                                                                                 | <b><u>Pass</u></b>             | <b><u>Fail</u></b>           |
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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)                                                                 | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
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| Section III. Proposed Services                                                                                   | <b>40</b>                      | <b>40</b>                    |
| Section IV. Cost Proposal                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                      | <b>27</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>97</u></b>             |

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

FVP is the designated domestic violence resource center for Kennebec and Somerset counties, operating for more than 45 years.

Provides a wide array of trauma-informed, survivor-centered services: 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, housing, legal advocacy, CPS liaison, community and hospital-based advocacy, and Maine's largest Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

Longstanding member of MCEDV and NCADV.

No litigation in the past five years; insurance and organizational chart included.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project - 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

Data demonstrates specific need: 3,078 helpline calls/33% increase from previous year.

The proposed project addresses both the need for adequate daytime helpline staffing and increased outreach to hard-to-reach, underserved, rural communities.

Good description of collaboration with sexual assault providers.

All services are free, confidential, and available to all.

Attention to ongoing improvement through assessment work with Praxis International.

The project aligns clearly for purpose and priority areas.

They have 4 names of staff, but it looked like they were going to hire the 4th position, unclear how this will expand capacity and not supplant. Isn't clear as to how they will increase services.

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| <b>Section IV. Cost Proposal</b> | <b>30</b>        | <b>27</b>      |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**Budget Provided**

Budget is simple, focused on sustaining direct service staff.

Laptops are to replace existing/aging equipment but not for new advocate.

Points were taken off for the vagueness as to whether they are using the funding for open positions or to hire a fourth position for the Helpline. It states that they are expanding but doesn't specify how the funding will be used to expand.

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| Section IV. Cost Proposal                                                                                        | <b>30</b>               | <b>30</b>             |
| <u><b>Total Points</b></u>                                                                                       | <u><b>100</b></u>       | <u><b>100</b></u>     |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Founded in 2021 and serves immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and BIPOC populations.

HSN has established itself as a victim service provider, demonstrated through their partnership with Safe Voices and performance implementing the 2024 STOP award

Demonstrated ability to implement complex projects (e.g., COVID-19 Community Resilience Program with State of Maine).

They have collaborations with Safe Voices and membership with MCEDV to support development and quality of DV services as well as partnerships across housing, health care, and faith institutions accomplished, all supported with previous STOP grant.

Their public health approach framed the founding and continues to inform what HSN describes as their work.

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 6/30/27

This application includes in the timeline specific objectives to expand connections across these areas and other culturally specific service providers.

Provide direct services to at least 100 survivors annually (case management, housing, immigration, benefits, advocacy).

There is ample mention of collaboration and training with domestic violence entities but none with sexual assault services. They checked the box but they didn't provide a percentage so it can't be counted towards sexual assault.

Develop new products: multilingual hotline, culturally sensitive counseling, safe spaces, training for law enforcement and faith leaders.

Project goals align with purpose and priority areas.

Proposal is well balanced and representative of their identity.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                                  | POINTS<br>AVAILABLE | POINTS<br>AWARDED |
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| <b>SECTION IV. COST PROPOSAL</b> | <b>30</b>           | <b>30</b>         |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**Budget Provided**

There is no match required of victim service provider grantees, but they did include match in their application.

Anticipated grant-related expenses: \$76,171 (+37,521 match)

The position titles are not included in the budget, though they are mentioned in the narrative.

The project is very ambitious for the amount of funding being requested.

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**BIDDER:** Hope and Justice

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**Department Name:** Department of Public Safety

**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

**Names of Evaluators:** Alicia Hunter, Francine Garland-Stark, Jess Bedard, and Shira Burns

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| <b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>                                                                                 | <b><u>Pass</u></b>             | <b><u>Fail</u></b>           |
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| 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>29</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>94</u></b>             |

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

HJP is the regional Domestic Violence Resource Center for the project area, with services described throughout Aroostook. HJP has had STOP grants in the past.

Criminal Justice Systems Advocate: provides support and follow up with survivors and collaborates with law enforcement. Continuing the work of current staff and enhancing capacity for expansion.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Specifies that 15% of the budget will be allocated toward sexual assault services and raising awareness.

The funded advocate will attend SAFE training and be available for SAFE exam accompaniment in addition to follow-up with law enforcement to sexual assault victims in sexual assault investigations.

They name collaborations with Micmac and Maliseet Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Centers.

The application does not name collaboration with AMHC Sexual Assault Services or intention to coordinate services with them.

They didn't provide evidence of Sexual Assault training outside of the SAFE training.

There wasn't any data on sexual assault clients served.

They didn't include their insurance certificate.

The application demonstrates strong partnerships with law enforcement and courts, enhancing likelihood of impact.

The project closely aligns with several purpose and priority areas.

Emphasis on rural service delivery in Maine's largest county by geography, with unique barriers such as long distances, poverty, and limited system capacity.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 29             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

They didn't fill in the box Federal Cost requested. A point was deducted.

The budget includes printing sexual assault brochures but there isn't information as to how this fits into the scheme of their service delivery.

Anticipated grant related expenses: \$70,642 (\$63,371.04 is salary/fringe), other costs are cell phone, travel and development of info. packets for clients.

Funds primarily cover salary/benefits of one Criminal Justice System Advocate.

Sustainability plan includes continued reliance on STOP plus diversification through other federal/state grant programs.

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| <b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>                                                                                 | <b><u>Pass</u></b>             | <b><u>Fail</u></b>           |
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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)                                                                 | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
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| <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>20</b>                    |
| Section III. Proposed Services                                                                                   | <b>40</b>                      | <b>30</b>                    |
| Section IV. Cost Proposal                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                      | <b>20</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>70</u></b>             |

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

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

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

There is no evidence of existing partnerships or collaborations with existing victim service providers, which is essential for a new program to be established.

Demonstrated experience supporting survivors in navigating police, courts, immigration relief, housing, and medical care.

There is no information included about training received around domestic violence and sexual assault or current partnerships with those organizations.

Demonstrated experience supporting survivors in navigating police, courts, immigration relief, housing, and medical care.

Staff and leadership reflect the lived experience of the populations served, with strong linguistic and cultural competency in Somali, Arabic, French, Portuguese, and other languages.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 6/30/27

Establishing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault services for immigrant communities in Androscoggin County.

They noted that 40% of the budget will be dedicated to sexual assault.

They don't list any existing sexual assault service providers among their partner collaborations to be established.

The project names a STOP VAWA training without saying what that is. They need to provide specific details.

They are not a known service providing entity, yet they didn't include a collaboration or consultation forms to indicate a connection with the larger networks of service providers.

The application is not signed.

They didn't provide any information in the section that asks about certifications, licensures, or other information about their qualifications. There is no information related to training for sexual assault or domestic violence. It should at least name having received training endorsed by MCEDV and MECASA

The intentions align with purpose and priorities

The proposal reflects understanding of the complex barriers that immigrant and refugee victims of abuse face in accessing traditional support and the importance of providing language access and culturally informed services that are more likely to be accessed by victims from these communities.

Maintains strong relationships with law enforcement, healthcare, shelters, and legal aid.

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Demonstrated experience supporting survivors in navigating police, courts, immigration relief, housing, and medical care.

Potential overlap with other Lewiston-area providers (e.g., Safe Voices, Her Safety Net, IRCM) raises coordination issues. How are these providers working together?

Their sexual assault response is nearly half the project but there is no mention of connections with existing sexual assault providers or qualifications to do that work.

Ambitious project for a relatively small organization; reliance on new hires (Project Coordinator, Advocate, Outreach Specialist) may delay rollout.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 20             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

**Budget Provided**

Budget is confusing - \$85,000 is named on the cover page but \$166,505 is indicated on the internal budget page.

Only \$149,505 of this overall request is for salary/fringe. Other expenses listed include training, supplies, equipment, services, travel, etc.

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**RFP #:** 202506089

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

**BIDDER:** Lisungi Assistance Maine

**DATE:** August 28, 2025

**SUMMARY PAGE**

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**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

**Names of Evaluators:** Alicia Hunter, Francine Garland-Stark, Jess Bedard, and Shira Burns

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| <b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>                                                                                 | <b><u>Pass</u></b>             | <b><u>Fail</u></b>           |
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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)                                                                 | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
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| <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>20</b>                    |
| Section III. Proposed Services                                                                                   | <b>40</b>                      | <b>27</b>                    |
| Section IV. Cost Proposal                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                      | <b>20</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>67</u></b>             |

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**BIDDER:** Lisungi Assistance Maine

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I  
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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

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

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Lisungi Assistance Maine is a Lewiston-based nonprofit founded in 2023, immigrant-led and focused on African immigrant women survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

There is no evidence of collaboration with existing victim service providers, which is essential for an emerging entity to be established.

Services already provided include safe transportation, emergency food, interpretation/translation (French, Lingala, Swahili, Kirundi, Portuguese), and trauma-informed peer support, but not victim services.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

|                                | <u>Points<br/>Available</u> | <u>Points<br/>Awarded</u> |
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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>27</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 6/30/27

The Consultation/Collaboration form required is to show collaboration with an existing victim services entity. The attached form is from a local church.

Most of the staff needed for the project are not currently hired.

The use of an AI Chatbot to provide services is concerning.

Strong cultural credibility and reach into Lewiston’s African immigrant community.

The frequent reference to women makes it unclear if services are equally available for all genders, which is required by STOP.

They provide both qualitative and quantitative data to show service demand.

The application lists planned partnership with MCEDV but no evidence of efforts to establish that connection prior to application for STOP; does not list local domestic violence or sexual assault agency as partnerships in place or planned.

They have a partnership with a law firm specializing in immigrant relief.

Disproportionate focus on transportation as a service.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 20             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Federal request: \$60,000; no match required.

Inconsistencies on budget page, Errors in the travel expenses table.

They checked the box stating that the funds will supplant and not supplement.

The legal and counseling services done through proposed contracts could be done through referrals to existing programs.

Half of the budget was for items that were not salary/fringe.

It wasn't clear as to whether the positions to be hired will be full or part-time.

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**BIDDER:** NextStep

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**Name of RFP Coordinator:** Michelle Morse

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| <b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>                                                                                 | <b><u>Pass</u></b>             | <b><u>Fail</u></b>           |
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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)                                                                 | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
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| <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>            |

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Preliminary Information**

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Organization Qualifications and Experience: Next Step is the regional DVRC for the project area with demonstrated decades of experience and established collaboration to support the continuation of this project.

Next Step is the designated domestic violence resource center serving Hancock and Washington Counties.

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.

Provides comprehensive services: 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, safety planning, housing support, child welfare liaison, education programs, and training for systems partners.

Strong history of federal and state grant management (OVW, DHHS, Maine State Housing Authority).

Active member of MCEDV; strong partnerships with law enforcement, corrections, and courts.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

Project addresses a unique, specific gap (jail-based notifications and offender contact prevention).

Only 45 projected survivors served in a year, outcomes would have been strengthened by adding training numbers.

Strong application showing what they have accomplished and how they are going to make it even better moving forward.

Clear needs assessment has been done, and project has demonstrated impact with data.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 30             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Anticipated grant-related expenses: \$71,694 (all of which is salary/fringe except for \$1,200 in travel)

Budget is reasonable.

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**BIDDER:** Partners for Peace

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| <b><u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u></b>                                                                                 | <b><u>Pass</u></b>             | <b><u>Fail</u></b>           |
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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)                                                                 | <b>X</b>                       |                              |
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| <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>            |

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| Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility) | Pass |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

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

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Partners for Peace (PFP) is the regional DVRC serving the project area with over 50 years of experience and previous STOP grants, working in collaboration with both the local sexual assault center and Tribal DV/SA Advocacy Center.

Offers a full range of victim services: 24/7 helpline, safety planning, shelter, transitional housing, legal advocacy, support groups, and child protective liaison work.

Strong record of collaboration with Rape Response Services and Penobscot Nation Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center.

Staff and leadership demonstrate deep expertise, including specialized training in non-fatal strangulation, systems advocacy, and coordination of multi-disciplinary teams.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

Impressive data for year one of planned 3-year project, with 154 victims served in CJ system, with 99 in high-risk cases.

Direct, trauma-informed advocacy for DV victims navigating the criminal justice system.

Needs assessment used to design project, with helpful data included.

Multidisciplinary coordination with law enforcement, courts, CDVIP, pretrial services, and prosecutors.

The documentation demonstrates for this project a high level of collaboration and buy-in from key criminal justice system partners.

Data collection and analysis to improve referral systems, high-risk case tracking, and interagency communication.

Safety planning and support in high-risk cases, including non-fatal strangulation and stalking.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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|                           | Points Available | Points Awarded |
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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 30             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Funds are primarily for staff salary and benefits of the Justice Navigator position, training (Advanced Strangulation Prevention), and convenings with partners.

Budget appears reasonable and aligned with scope of work.

Clear and straightforward salary and fringe plus training cost that is clearly central to the project and reasonable.

**STATE OF MAINE  
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**RFP #:** 202506089

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**BIDDER:** Pine Tree Legal

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience                                                           | <b>30</b>                      | <b>30</b>                    |
| Section III. Proposed Services                                                                                   | <b>40</b>                      | <b>37</b>                    |
| Section IV. Cost Proposal                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                      | <b>29</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>96</u></b>             |

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

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

PTLA is Maine's oldest and largest statewide civil legal aid provider, with over 50 years of experience though its reach in rural areas is limited.

Its Family Law and Victim Rights Unit consists of 15 attorneys and 3 paralegals providing holistic civil legal services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In 2024, PTLA provided legal help on 1,225 legal issues for survivors.

Recognized in 2015 with awards from MECASA and MCEDV for advocacy on behalf of victims.

Attorneys are licensed in Maine - strong history of collaboration with local and statewide partners.

Strong, experienced organization with proven infrastructure and statewide reputation.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>37</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 1/1/26 – 12/31/26

The Needs Assessment included helpful data.

Data regarding PFAs in the project areas are of court filings without information about how many of those cases benefited from PTLA representation.

It's not clear from the data provided where the 51 legal cases that were STOP funded were from. There is one example provided without specifying geographic location. Given the focus on this broad rural area, having more detail regarding the reach of the STOP funded services to align with the grant is certainly of interest in assessing alignment of the grant outcomes with grant objectives.

There is a lot of ambiguity as to what the cases are, where the cases are, what proportion of their cases are sexual assault or domestic violence in terms of numbers.

The project locates one attorney in Bangor, and absent data to demonstrate how this attorney has previously provided representation in Hancock and Washington Counties, it is unclear how such a broad reach is a practical objective.

Proposal includes data, cites PFA filing data and national studies demonstrating effectiveness of legal representation in DV/SA cases.

Year 1 challenges (attorney turnover, funding shifts) were acknowledged transparently and mitigated.

Proposal includes a clear evaluation plan using case management system data and outcome codes.

Application is thorough, specific, and well-supported with research and Maine-specific data.

Looks like they currently have a lot of unspent funds.

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| <b>Section IV. Cost Proposal</b> | <b>30</b>        | <b>29</b>      |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Anticipated grant-related expenses: \$96,807 (all of which is salary/fringe). One full-time attorney and a small portion of supporting paralegal.

Expenses primarily support salary/benefits for one attorney (100 percent STOP funded) and partial support for a paralegal (15 percent match), with additional allocations for travel, training, occupancy, supplies, and indirect costs.

Budget is detailed, reasonable

The Federal Proposed Cost was missing from the Cover Sheet. One pointed deducted.

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| <u>Scoring Sections</u>                                                                                          | <u>Points Available</u> | <u>Points Awarded</u> |
| 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>     |

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

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Safe Voices, established in 1977, is the designated DVRC for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties.

Provides a full range of DV victim services: 24/7 helpline, shelter/safe house, outreach offices in Rumford, Farmington, Lewiston, prevention education, and CDVIP offender programming.

Employs 35+ staff; member of MCEDV; experienced in STOP and other federal/state grant administration.

Current STOP award funds an Androscoggin County Criminal Court Advocate and Outreach Advocate, with strong evidence of service numbers (214 survivors served since Oct. 2024; 82 partner outreach calls; 254 CDVIP class participants).

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Proposed Services**

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26

Criminal Court Advocate provides advocacy in DV criminal cases: written impact statements, emotional support, legal updates, safety planning.

Advocate-initiated outreach to survivors whose abusers are in CDVIP (Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program).

Outreach Advocate offers follow-up support, referrals, and safety planning.

Coordination of services with other providers; High-Risk Response meetings for certain cases.

Facilitation of weekly CDVIP offender accountability classes (funded via match).

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 30             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Budget Provided

Anticipated grant related expenses: \$33,760 + \$6,752 match (not required)

The entire budget is for salary and fringe.

The budget is modest.

Clear budget with JAC funding about half of the Criminal Court Advocate, matched with about 13% of the outreach advocate associated with the project.

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| 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>            |

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

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Safe Voices is the DVRC serving Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties.

Over 35 staff, with outreach offices in Lewiston, Rumford, and Farmington.

Strong history of STOP administration: current award (VS1024) funds the Franklin County Advocate (Legal Program Coordinator).

In the last fiscal year, Safe Voices supported 2,744 victims across its tri-county region, with 562 hours of advocacy to 197 Franklin County victims.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26

Good data to illustrate need and outreach: Franklin County residents comprise 7% of the 197 people served by SV last year.

Court advocacy at all PFA docket days in Farmington District Court.

Advocate-initiated outreach to survivors filing temporary PFAs.

Ongoing individualized safety planning (80 survivors assisted since last award began).

Referrals to community resources (66 referrals in 10 months).

Convening Coordinated Community Response and High-Risk Response Team meetings to address high lethality risk cases.

Coordination with DA's office and law enforcement to support victim engagement in criminal prosecution

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
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| <b>Section IV. Cost Proposal</b> | <b>30</b>        | <b>30</b>      |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Budget Provided

Federal request: \$43,760; Match: \$8,752; Total: \$52,512.

Budget was straightforward and simple, tied to staff, proportional to scope.

As part of this program, agency will provide funding for Legal Advocacy Program Manager as match.)

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**BIDDER:** Sexual Assault Support Services Midcoast Maine (SASSMM)

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| 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>30</b>                    |
| <b><u>Total Points</u></b>                                                                                       | <b><u>100</u></b>              | <b><u>98</u></b>             |

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

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Serves five counties (Eastern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo) and operates three Children's Advocacy Centers in Boothbay Harbor, Rockland, and Searsport.

Member of MECASA and collaborates closely with all six other sexual assault support centers in Maine.

Experienced in working with multidisciplinary teams (law enforcement, prosecutors, medical providers, corrections, CPS).

Long history of advocacy, prevention education, and systems change work.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>38</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 10/31/26

Systems Advocate for Knox County providing services to sexual violence survivors involved with systems, enhancing multidisciplinary partnership, and increasing access to advocacy for underserved populations (rural, incarcerated).

Advocate initiated contact from PFA filings.

There is no data regarding the number of sexual assault specific PFAs filed in Knox County, and vast majority of PFAs are for domestic violence.

Strong evaluation plan with both quantitative service data and qualitative feedback from survivors.

Support for 100% of hospital forensic exams requested by survivors.

Proposal is data-driven, citing gaps in Knox County systems advocacy (fewer PFAs secured, less consistent communication with law enforcement and courts).

Clear and detailed goals, objectives, and activities tied to measurable outcomes.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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| Section IV. Cost Proposal | 30               | 30             |

**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Budget Provided

Federal request: \$80,000.

100% of the advocacy position plus allocated overhead, a laptop, and IT support

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**BIDDER:** Through These Doors

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| 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>            |

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

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| Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience | <b>30</b>                   | <b>30</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Established in 1977, Through These Doors is the sole provider of domestic violence services in Cumberland County.

Member of MCEDV.

Provides comprehensive, holistic services including access to a 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, transitional services, support and education groups, specialized support services for elders and victims of trafficking, and legal support.

Uniquely located in proximity to Maine's only women's prison and associated reentry facility, TTD has a longstanding program with proven success in this work, including national recognition.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Proposed Services**

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| Section III. Proposed Services | <b>40</b>                   | <b>40</b>                 |

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Duration of Project – 7/1/26 – 6/30/27

Continue providing comprehensive, holistic victim advocacy services to justice involved survivors of abuse incarcerated at MCC and SMWRC.

Connecting survivors with a range of strong community partnerships through a collaborative approach including Maine Pre-trial, Adult Community Corrections, Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine, PTLA, Preble Street, Family Planning, and more.

Support survivors during incarceration and after their release.

Offers a variety of groups for incarcerated survivors.

Data showing previous year's grant funded services to 199 individuals through drop in centers and at facility; training for key community partners; support group facilitation; parenting groups; and collaboration with Maine Pretrial Services and Maine Dept. of Corrections.

Engage in multi-disciplinary work with DOC to improve reentry experience for survivors.

Provide reentry backpacks and other supplies critical for reentry.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV  
Cost Proposal**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Budget Provided

Federal request: \$66,885

Basic salary/fringe w/ associated mileage, parking costs and supplies for programming.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Brunswick Police Department

**DATE:** 9/2/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Derek Gorneau

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Department of Public Safety

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

The Chief has 35 years of law enforcement experience and will serve as the President of the Maine Chief's Association in the Fall. Brunswick Police Department has worked with Through These Doors for a number of years and partnered with them to form a High-Risk Response Team focused on domestic violence situations.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No it is not.

**3. Proposed Services**

a. **Duration of Project** – 11/1/25-10/31/26

b. **Description of Project** – This is the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration Program which provides comprehensive advocacy and support services to survivors who are involved with law enforcement due to violence within their home and/or relationship. It is a partnership with Through These Doors which offers wrap-around services and safety planning, enhances communication within the legal system, and creates larger support networks for victims.

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

I believe it might be, but this is the first time that Brunswick has taken the lead in the partnership with Windham, Westbrook, Scarborough, and Cumberland.

**5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?**

No

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses**

\$66,786 to cover payroll cost for one Through These Doors Full Time Employee and Travel costs.

\$2,465 for supplies to assist victims.

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

Federal Purpose areas 1 and 5.

Three Maine Priority areas 1. Coordinated Community Response/Multidisciplinary Response. 2. Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion. 4. Training.

**8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?**

Yes

**9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?**

The form was needed, and it was provided.

**10. *Other relevant information***

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

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**APPLICANT NAME:** Brunswick Police Department

**DATE:** 09-03-2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Scott Pelletier

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DPS/MDEA

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Maine accredited Police Department. Existing partnership with "Through These Doors", associated with multi-department program. Westbrook, Scarborough and Cumberland and Windham PD's.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11-01-2025 thru 10-31-2026
  - b. Description of Project – Fund an EPIC Advocate full time. Assign officer(s) through match funds directly to the multi-department program to enhance collaboration with TTD's.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes, Brunswick PD to take over the grant management lead from Westbrook PD.
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$66,786 EPIC Advocate salary. Purchase cellular phones and cameras, w/service for victims use.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)Federal 1, 5 ME. 1,2,4
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes
10. Other relevant information History of strong, ongoing DV services through multi agency collaboration, sharing each other's resources and officers to enhance response levels. Strong commitment to training and recruiting other agencies.

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Member of the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) enhancing victim services with “Though These Doors” bring a broader support mechanism to victims.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Brunswick PD

**DATE:** August 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Donna Strickler

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

They appear to have years of experience and knowledge in this area, including lots of work with providers of DV & SA services.

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 11-1-25 to 10/31/2026

b. Description of Project – Provide an Advocate to provide follow up and participate in a collaborative approach to DV when victims choose to use the justice system

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

4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No

5. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

This budget seems reasonable and relatively well outlined

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

*Developing and strengthening victim services. Coordinated Community response*

7. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes

8. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes

9. Other relevant information

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** 9/2/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Derek Gorneau

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Department of Public Safety

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

This project has been in existence for several years and because of that they are well equipped to continue and expand on our response to incidents of domestic violence.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No it is not.

**3. Proposed Services**

a. **Duration of Project** – 11/1/25-6/30/27

b. **Description of Project** – To fund the Domestic Violence Coordinator position which is a full-time special assignment currently filled by a Lewiston Police Department Detective which serves as the Proactive Response Team Leader. This position conducts Victim Safety Checks

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

Yes this is a continuation of a previously funded project.

**5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?**

No

**6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses**

\$141,613 to cover payroll costs for one Domestic Violence Coordinator position with \$1,000 for software and \$1,500 for other supplies.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

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

Didn't address this.

**8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?**

Yes

**9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?**

The form was needed, and it was provided.

**10. *Other relevant information***

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Lewiston Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Scott Pelletier

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DPS/MDEA

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Urban police department with long history of DV victim services. Department has an existing “Proactive Response Team” (PRT)
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
3. Proposed Services: Fund two part time officers/detectives and DV coordinator to enhance outreach services and training.
  - a. Duration of Project – 11-01-2025 thru 06-30-2027
  - b. Description of Project – Fund two part time officers/detective and DV coordinator to enhance DV services that already exist. Designating one officer/det sgt as PRT leader.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes, department currently being funded from prior STOP DV Grant.
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$144,113
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine’s Priority Area (s) 2 federal, No specific state area noted.
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes
10. Other relevant information: Lewiston PD has had an existing, robust DV response unit funded through prior STOP DV grants. The DV coordinator has been a Lewiston PD detective fully funded by Lewiston PD. They are attempting to offset the cost by utilizing grant funds long with PD funds to fund the coordinator.

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- Applicants' narrative details lacked specific details in outlining required narrative descriptions. Many were "See above" as answers to specific descriptive questions.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Lewiston PD

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Donna Strickler

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience  
They appear to have years of experience and knowledge in this area
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11-1-25 to 6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project – Provide a Proactive Response Team leader to help coordinate and participate in the program with a wide range of collaborators
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses  
This budget seems reasonable and relatively well outlined
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
*Developing and strengthening victim services. Coordinated Community response*
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?
10. Other relevant information

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** 9/2/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Derek Gorneau

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Department of Public Safety

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

All District and Superior Courts are under the jurisdiction of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. The MJB has received numerous STOP awards and implemented many projects using this funding.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No it is not.

**3. Proposed Services**

a. **Duration of Project** – 11/1/25-6/30/27

b. **Description of Project** – Produce four videos to assist filers in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment cases. Translate an estimated 14 Protection from Abuse and Harassment court forms as well as the Guide into the eight most commonly used non-English languages.

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

No it is not.

**5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?**

No

**6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses**

\$41,512 to contract with a videographer and sign language interpreter to create the videos.

\$13,000 to contract through a Master Agreement with Idea Translations.

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

Federal Purpose area 5.

Two Maine Priority areas 1. Coordinated Community Response/Multidisciplinary Response.2. Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion.

**8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?**

Yes

**9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?**

The form was needed, and it was provided.

**10. *Other relevant information***

This is a simple and straightforward project that I believe will have a substantial positive impact on many State of Maine Citizens.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** 8/29/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** John Kilbride

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Falmouth Police Department

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience;
  - Experienced in managing STOP grants and other grants to supplement operations.
  - Direct contact with victims and providing last resort guidance to criminal prosecution.
  - Request not directly related to sexual assault, but video production could open doors to those with different language barriers and cultural challenges.
  - Large audience with ASL interpreting will reach many. Working in law enforcement in Maine, language barriers with this form of questions regarding protection orders is very common.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – Starting 11/25 and running 1 ½
  - b. Description of Project – Production of videos to non-English speaking people to explain court process regarding Protection Orders and Harassment documentation.
    - Made available statewide and to law enforcement agencies would be helpful and not repetitive by others.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? No
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No, but could help those with language barriers formally address potential or on-going issues.
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$54,512.00 with a match of \$26,849.00
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes

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9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes
10. Other relevant information; Letter of support from The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Maine Judicial Branch

**DATE:** August 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Donna Strickler

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

They appear to have years of experience and knowledge in this area

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 11-25 to 6/30/27

b. Description of Project – Prepare and provide training and support to support full engagement in the court proceedings

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

This budget seems reasonable and relatively well outlined

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

*Developing and strengthening victim services. Coordinated Community response*

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

Yes

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Maine Prosecutors Association

**DATE:** 9/2/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Derek Gorneau

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Department of Public Safety

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

Prosecutors within the MPA prosecute nearly all domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking cases in the State of Maine and they have exclusive jurisdiction with the exception of federal crimes.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No it is not.

**3. Proposed Services**

a. **Duration of Project** – 11/1/25-6/30/27

b. **Description of Project** – Fund two prosecutor positions in Prosecutorial District 1 that exclusively focus on prosecution of domestic abuse, sexual violence, and stalking. These positions are able to specialize and stay current on best practices while also participating in a multidisciplinary team.

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

Yes it is.

**5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?**

Yes an estimated 30% of the project.

**6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses**

\$272,559 for salary and benefits for two prosecutor positions.

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

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Federal Purpose area 1, 2, 7, 15, and 16.

Two Maine Priority areas 1. Coordinated Community Response/Multidisciplinary Response. 2. Training 3. Policy, Procedures, and Planning.

**8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?**

Yes

**9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?**

The form was needed, and it was provided.

**10. *Other relevant information***

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Maine Prosecutors Association (AG's)

**DATE:** 8/29/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** John Kilbride

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Falmouth Police Department

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience;
  - Experienced in managing STOP grants and other grants to supplement operations
  - Continues a program with measured success
  - 30% application is prosecuting sexual assault cases.
  - Covers a major area in the State of Maine (Population 220,000) .
  - Training law enforcement and developing proactive teams.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – Starting 11/25 and running 1 ½
  - b. Description of Project – Hiring of two (2) prosecutors to manage criminal cases with a 30% commitment for sexual assault crimes. This is in the York area of Maine.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes-- 30%- Prosecution with collaboration with law enforcement.
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses \$272,559.00 with a match of \$136,279.50.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes
10. Other relevant information; Letter of support from Caring Unlimited

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Maine Prosecutors Assoc.

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Donna Strickler

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

They appear to have years of experience and knowledge in this area, including lots of work with providers of DV & SA services.

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 11-1-25 to 6/30/27

b. Description of Project – Provide a Proactive Response Team leader to help coordinate and participate in the program with a wide range of collaborators

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

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? Yes

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

This budget seems reasonable and relatively well outlined

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

*Developing and strengthening victim services. Coordinated Community response*

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Waldo County Sheriff's Office

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Derek Gorneau

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Department of Public Safety

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

This project is a continuation so there is experience around implementing a plan with grants funds. Waldo County Sheriff's Office also has extensive experience in law enforcement and domestic violence and sexual assault and because of that they are well equipped to continue and expand on the project and partnership with New Hope Midcoast which is an established Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No it is not.

**3. Proposed Services**

a. **Duration of Project** – 11/1/25-6/30/27

b. **Description of Project** – To fund the Law Enforcement Advocate position who will work directly with both Waldo County Sheriffs Office and and New Hope for Women to bridge systems, support victims, and enhance communication and follow-up between agencies.

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

Yes this is a continuation of a previously funded project.

**5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?**

No

**6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses**

\$76,410 to cover payroll costs for one Law Enforcement Advocate position with \$1,801 for travel and \$781 for other supplies.

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

Both listed in the application.

**8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?**

Yes

**9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?**

The form was needed, and it was provided.

**10. *Other relevant information***

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Waldo County Sheriff's Office

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Scott Pelletier

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DPS/MDEA

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Sheriff's office sharing resources with Knox County Sheriff's Office. Utilizes existing program coordinated with New Hope for Women to address DV related issues.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? No
3. Proposed Services: Expand existing program with Knox SO by sharing award funds to increase the collaborative efforts that exist with New Hope for Women. The award would increase the needed program to a broader, rural area of the state.
  - a. Duration of Project – 11-01-2025 thru 06-30-2027
  - b. Description of Project – Funding a law Enforcement Advocate to work with both sheriff's offices to coordinate and expand the existing DV response program. Also, fund a part time legal advisor to assist the program members.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? Yes, recipient of prior STOP grant.
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses; \$81,405 (to be divided between Waldo and Knox SO's.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) Not noted by number, however area to be addressed is a large, multi-county, rural area with limited LE resources.
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes

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10. Other relevant information: Needed resources to a large, multi-county, rural area of the state with limited law enforcement resources.

- Very thorough, detailed application highlighting a robust engaging DV response program.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Waldo County Sheriff

**DATE** September 3, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Donna Strickler

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

They appear to have years of experience and knowledge in this area, working close with the local DV Provider

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 11-25 to 6/30/27

b. Description of Project – Enhance coordinated community response to DV

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

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

This budget seems reasonable and relatively well outlined

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

*Developing and strengthening victim services. Coordinated Community response*

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

Yes

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited LAV

**DATE:** 8.21.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Caring Unlimited is York County's designated Domestic Violence Resource Center and has been providing comprehensive, trauma-informed services to survivors of domestic violence since 1977. Caring Unlimited has extensive experience implementing and managing federally and state-funded programs, including previous STOP grant awards.

Senior Attorney/Program Coordinator Jim Amendolara has more than 18 years experience exclusively providing civil legal services to victims of domestic violence.

2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project - Legal Assistance for Victims Program: Since 2007, Caring Unlimited has operated a Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Program, which is a well-established component of our CCR efforts. This program ensures that survivors in York County have access to legal advocacy and representation in Protection from Abuse (PFA) cases and select family law matters, significantly enhancing their ability to achieve safety and long-term stability. This funding would continue the work of this existing program.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$35,598 (all salary/fringe)

Caring Unlimited respectfully requests STOP funding to maintain the scope and capacity of our Legal Assistance for Victims program, the only source of pro-bono civil legal services for victims of domestic violence in York County. The requested funds will partially support the salaries of our five-person legal services team which has been restructured this year to include two attorneys, a paralegal, and two lay court advocates. The LAV Program provides critical legal advocacy and

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representation to survivors navigating the civil legal system, particularly in Protection from Abuse (PFA) cases.

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

Federal: 11: Maintaining core victim services; 5: Strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs

Maine: Victim services maintenance and expansion

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Letter was provided stating that agency will comply with OVW statutory requirements.

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? n/a

10. Other relevant information: n/a

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited LAV

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience  
P – DVRC in York Cty w/ many years doing this work
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/2025 – 9/30/2026
  - b. Description of Project – Legal advocacy and representation for victim of DV in York County  
P-collaboration w/MVLP and law school; 100% of respondents would not have otherwise had legal services; data regarding people served
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$35,598  
  
P – clearly laid out and aligned with grant goals
7. Federal purpose area (s) Developing, Enlarging, or Strengthening victim services program and Maine's Priority Area (s) Victim Services Maintenance and Expansion
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? N/A
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A
10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Caring Unlimited is York County's designated domestic violence resource center, serving the area since 1977.
- Provides a comprehensive continuum of services including 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing navigation, support groups, individualized advocacy, prevention education, and civil legal services.
- Longstanding member of MCEDV - strong oversight and quality assurance standards.
- Operates the Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Program since 2007, the only program providing free civil legal services for DV survivors in York County.
- In FY25, on track to serve over 600 individuals with legal advocacy and representation.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

- a. Duration of Project - 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
- b. Description of Project - Continuation of the LAV program, partially funding salaries of two attorneys, a paralegal, and two court advocates.

Services include:

- Pro se support, legal advice, and representation, especially in Protection from Abuse (PFA) cases.
- Presence at every York County PFA docket.
- New collaboration with Volunteer Lawyers Project to expand representation through pro bono attorneys.

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

Yes. First three quarters of FY25 served 487 individuals, with 3,276 instances of civil legal advocacy provided.

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5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$35,598 (no match required).
- Funds support partial salaries and benefits for five legal team members (senior attorney, staff attorney, paralegal, and two court advocates).
- No additional costs requested for travel, equipment, or operating expenses. Budget is lean – focused on personnel costs.

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #11 (maintaining core victim services), #5 (strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs).
- Maine Priority Area: Victim services maintenance and expansion.

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Data shows consistent demand: over 826 PFA motions filed in York County in FY24, higher than in Cumberland County despite a smaller population.
- Client outcome data: 100 percent of survey respondents reported they could not have accessed legal services elsewhere and felt safer as a result of services.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited - LAV

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for York County
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Legal Assistance for victims program – only source of civil legal services for victims of DV
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. No
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$35,598 – part of multiple people’s salary and benefits
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine’s Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal - 11: Maintaining core victim services; 5: Strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs
  - b. Maine - Victim services maintenance and expansion
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?
  - a. No
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?
  - a. N/A
10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited Outreach

**DATE:** 8.21.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Caring Unlimited is York County's designated Domestic Violence Resource Center and has been providing comprehensive, trauma-informed services to survivors of domestic violence since 1977. Caring Unlimited has extensive experience implementing and managing federally and state-funded programs, including previous STOP grant awards.

Offer a comprehensive array of direct services including a 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing navigation, support groups, individual advocacy and safety planning, and civil legal services. Each year serve almost 2000 people in direct service programs.

This program is fully staffed and will be conducting all the activities on the first day of the grant period. Caring Unlimited's Outreach program has a well-developed infrastructure and established policies and procedures and effective relationships with system partners.

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

3. Proposed Services

- a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26

- b. Description of Project – Outreach Services Program: Caring Unlimited's Outreach Services Program continued to serve as a vital resource for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking in York County. The program's goals are to enhance survivor safety, improve systemic responses, and foster a coordinated community response. With a fully staffed team—including a Systems Engagement Coordinator, Survivor Engagement Coordinator, and Outreach Advocate for the service period—the program has maintained a robust presence across the county, offering trauma-informed, culturally responsive services to non-residential clients.

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

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no

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6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$42,562 (all salary/fringe)

Caring Unlimited requests STOP funding to maintain the scope and capacity of our Outreach Services Program. The funds will partially support the personnel costs of our team including the Systems Engagement Coordinator, the Survivor Engagement Coordinator, Outreach Advocate, and the Advocacy Director who supervises the program

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

Federal: 11: Maintaining core victim services; 5: Strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs

Maine: Victim services maintenance and expansion

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Letter was not provided stating that agency will comply with OVW statutory requirements with this specific application, but agency included it with their other application.

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? n/a

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited Outreach

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: CU is the DVRC for York Cty, uniquely positioned to do this project

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

b. Description of Project – Advocacy and support groups; services for incarcerated survivors; high-risk response team convening for 4 cases; and training or law enforcement.

P – data regarding services for prior year demonstrates outcome of the outreach

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$42,562

P – clearly lists personnel w/portion to be paid w/grant funds, representing the sustainable team approach.

P – while there is no match required, a number of costs are otherwise covered by CU that complement the program, i.e., direct financial assistance for victims, mileage, and other operating costs

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

P – project outcomes for 2024 align clearly with purpose and priority areas

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? NO/N/A

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Caring Unlimited is York County's designated domestic violence resource center, operating since 1977.
- Serves nearly 2,000 individuals annually with a comprehensive range of services: 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal advocacy, support groups, and prevention education.
- Member of MCEDV, adhering to statewide quality assurance standards and monitored regularly for compliance.
- Strong track record of administering federal and state grants, including prior STOP awards.
- Staff engaged in this program are trained advocates who have completed MCEDV's CAIRET certification.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

- a. Duration: 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026.
- b. Description: Continuation of the Outreach Services Program, partially funding four staff (Systems Engagement Coordinator, Survivor Engagement Coordinator, Outreach Advocate, and Advocacy Director).

Activities include:

- Individual advocacy and safety planning for non-residential clients.
- Weekly support groups and bi-monthly groups for incarcerated survivors at York County Jail.
- Advocate-initiated outreach from police reports, linking survivors to resources.
- Convening High-Risk Response Team (HRRT) meetings and quarterly Coordinated Community Response (CCR) sessions.
- Training and consultation for law enforcement and system partners on DV dynamics, strangulation, and danger assessment.

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

Yes. In the first three quarters of FY25, served 421 individuals, facilitated HRRT meetings in four cases, and provided training to more than 60 law enforcement officers

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$42,562 (no match required).
- All funds are for personnel costs across four positions. No travel, equipment, or other expenses requested.
- Budget is lean, straightforward, and consistent with project activities.

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #11 (maintaining core victim services), #5 (strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs).
- Maine Priority Areas: Victim services maintenance and expansion.

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with the application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Strong infrastructure and capacity, with established partnerships and proven STOP-funded programming.
- Emphasis on coordinated community response aligns with STOP priorities.
- Program expands survivor access through law enforcement report referrals and jail-based advocacy.
- Proposal is feasible, realistic, and supported by both data and survivor stories that illustrate impact.
- Demonstrated outcomes: All surveyed clients reported increased safety and access to resources; survivors engaged in testimony, advocacy, and personal milestones as examples of program impact.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Caring Unlimited - Outreach

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC in York County
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – provides direct service to non-residential clients
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$42,562 - parts of many people's salary/benefits in outreach
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal:
    - i. 1: Maintaining core victim services; 5 : Strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs
  - b. Maine
    - i. Victim services maintenance and expansion
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? No
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?
  - a. N/A
10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project LAV

**DATE:** 8.21.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Family Violence Project (FVP) is the designated domestic violence resource center serving Kennebec and Somerset counties in Maine. For over 45 years, FVP has provided trauma-informed, survivor-centered services to adult and teen victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. As a member of both the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, FVP meets rigorous standards for service provision and coordination within state and national networks. FVP's services are responsive to the urgent needs of survivors, especially in rural areas where access to healthcare, transportation, and other safety services is limited. The organization offers a 24/7 toll-free helpline, emergency shelter and supportive housing, individualized safety planning, housing navigation, civil legal advocacy, child protective services liaison work, and the state's largest domestic violence intervention program. In addition, FVP provides system-based and community-based advocacy, including support in hospitals, homeless shelters, and high-risk response teams. All services are free, confidential, and available to all.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – LAV Program: Civil Court Advocacy: Court advocates will support survivors with completing and filing Protection from Abuse and Harassment orders in all three district courts. They will provide emotional support before, during, and after hearings, and offer referrals and safety planning. Advocates will not provide legal advice or act as legal representatives. Criminal Court Advocacy: Advocates will support survivors with domestic violence-related criminal court proceedings in Augusta, Skowhegan, and Waterville. Their advocacy will provide emotional support, procedural clarification, safety planning, and trauma-informed encouragement throughout the process. For survivors who need direct legal advice or representation, FVP will continue to make referrals to its longtime partner, Pine Tree Legal Assistance, which maintains a limited, federally funded attorney dedicated to supporting a small number of high-need cases. Justice

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System Coordination: Advocates will engage in case coordination with local law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and probation officers as appropriate in each court location. Court advocates will continue to attend monthly collaborative community efforts such as the Kennebec & Somerset Domestic Violence Task Forces. Participate in regular convening of local high-risk response team meetings. Participate in the Maine Prosecutors Association's Multi-Disciplinary Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training Project. Training and Oversight: Court advocates will receive trauma-informed legal systems training and ongoing supervision from FVP's Outreach Director to ensure consistency, professionalism, and adherence to non-legal boundaries.

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$29,414 (all salary/fringe)

This proposal seeks to expand the availability of advocate support by funding portions of two court advocates' time to assist survivors in both civil and criminal court across the Augusta, Skowhegan, and Waterville District Courts. The result will be improved safety, increased court engagement, and stronger multidisciplinary coordination with justice system partners.

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

Federal: 5 and 7

Maine: 1

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes.
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? n/a
10. Other relevant information: Org chart notes 3 vacancies in Outreach program including 1 court advocate and 2 outreach advocates.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project LAV

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

FVP is the regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving the area and has many years of experience including many previous STOP Grants that have been successfully implemented.

P – great description of collaboration with the sexual assault organization

P – appreciating the work to improve services and accessibility through engagement with Praxis International

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/2026

b. Description of Project – Increased advocacy services for victims in both civil and criminal cases across the project area in Augusta, Waterville, & Skowhegan

P – data demonstrates the need

P – clear timeline

P – clear description of activities, including supervision and attention to quality of services

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? NO

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$29,414

P – clear and simple portion of salaries and fringe

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

P – project goals align clearly with purpose and priority areas

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A

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9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project – Legal Assistance for Victims

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- FVP is the designated domestic violence resource center serving Kennebec and Somerset counties, in operation for more than 45 years.
- Provides a comprehensive array of trauma-informed, survivor-centered services: 24/7 helpline, shelter, housing, civil legal advocacy, CPS liaison work, and Maine's largest Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program.
- Member of MCEDV and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
- Close partnership with the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center (SAC&SC) ensures survivors of both domestic and sexual violence receive coordinated services.
- Skilled staff.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

b. Description of Project - Expand availability of advocate support by funding portions of two court advocates' time to assist survivors in both civil and criminal courts in Augusta, Skowhegan, and Waterville District Courts.

Activities include:

- Civil court support for PFAs and PFHs (completing and filing forms, court accompaniment, safety planning).
- New advocacy presence in criminal courts (emotional support, clarification of proceedings, referrals, and liaison role with prosecutors and law enforcement).
- Continued referrals for direct legal representation through partnership with Pine Tree Legal Assistance.
- Participation in multidisciplinary teams, high-risk response teams, and prosecutor/law enforcement trainings.

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

No

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$29,414 (no match required).
- All funds allocated to personnel: 22% of salary/benefits for two Outreach Advocates.
- No funds requested for travel, equipment, contractual, or other expenses.
- Budget appears complete and reasonable.
- Sustainability: Applicant notes intent to seek other funding sources for future years

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #5 (strengthen legal assistance services) and #7 (multidisciplinary coordination).
- Maine Priority Area: #1 (Coordinated Community Response)

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Strong partnerships and experience position
- New component of criminal court advocacy addresses a significant service gap

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project-LAV

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for Kennebec and Somerset
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – expand the availability of advocate support in the civil and criminal legal system.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. No
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$29,414 – funds part of two advocate positions
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal 5 and 7
  - b. Maine 1
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A
10. Other relevant information – does this supplant?

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project Strengthening 24/7 Victim Services

**DATE:** 8.21.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Family Violence Project (FVP) is the designated domestic violence resource center serving Kennebec and Somerset counties in Maine. For over 45 years, FVP has provided trauma-informed, survivor-centered services to adult and teen victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. As a member of both the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, FVP meets rigorous standards for service provision and coordination within state and national networks. FVP's services are responsive to the urgent needs of survivors, especially in rural areas where access to healthcare, transportation, and other safety services is limited. The organization offers a 24/7 toll-free helpline, emergency shelter and supportive housing, individualized safety planning, housing navigation, civil legal advocacy, child protective services liaison work, and the state's largest domestic violence intervention program. In addition, FVP provides system-based and community-based advocacy, including support in hospitals, homeless shelters, and high-risk response teams. All services are free, confidential, and available to all.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Family Violence Project (FVP) seeks funding to sustain and expand access to its confidential helpline for survivors of domestic violence and dating violence in Kennebec and Somerset counties. The helpline operates 24/7 and is often the first point of contact for survivors seeking support, information, or services. This proposal aims to strengthen daytime helpline coverage and ensure that staff capacity keeps pace with rising demand. FVP's helpline is staffed during the day by trained helpline advocates, with overnight and weekend coverage provided through a shared rotation across the agency in tandem with trained volunteer advocates. Helpline advocates are part of a tiered call system that enables multiple advocates to respond simultaneously when needed, an increasingly frequent occurrence as call volume grows. However, current staffing levels are stretched thin, which puts pressure on the system and risks delays in survivor

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support. Additionally, rural communities, such as northern Somerset County, remain underserved due to barriers such as geographic isolation, limited-service awareness, and lack of outreach capacity. The proposed project addresses both the need for adequate daytime helpline staffing and increased outreach to hard-to-reach, underserved, rural communities

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$73,457 (\$3,200 is for 2 laptops)

Family Violence Project is requesting \$73,457 to support our Helpline Program to sustain and expand survivor access to helpline support services by increasing daytime staffing capacity and conducting targeted outreach in underserved rural communities.

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

Federal: 5

Maine: 2

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes.
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? n/a
10. Other relevant information: Org chart notes 3 vacancies in Outreach program including 1 court advocate and 2 outreach advocates.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project Strengthening

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: FVP is uniquely positioned to do this project as the DVRC for the project area

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

b. Description of Project – Support for 24/7 helpline staffing and targeted outreach to underserved people, i.e., older adults and rural communities

P – data to demonstrate specific need: 3,078 helpline calls/33% increase from previous year

P – good description of collaboration with sexual assault providers

P – attention to ongoing improvement through assessment work with Praxis International

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? NO

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$73,457

P – clear and simple portion of salaries and fringe for helpline/outreach team

Q – laptops are to replace existing/aging equipment but not for new advocate

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

P – project aligns clearly for purpose and priority areas

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A

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10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project - Strengthening

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- FVP is the designated domestic violence resource center for Kennebec and Somerset counties, operating for more than 45 years.
- Provides a wide array of trauma-informed, survivor-centered services: 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, housing, legal advocacy, CPS liaison, community and hospital-based advocacy, and Maine's largest Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program.
- Longstanding member of MCEDV and NCADV.
- Strong collaborative relationship with the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center (SAC&SC), ensuring coordination for survivors with overlapping DV and SA needs.
- Recently completed a Program Assessment for Social Change with Praxis International, demonstrating commitment to evaluation and continuous improvement.
- No litigation in the past five years; insurance and organizational chart included.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

b. Description of Project - Strengthen and expand helpline staffing to keep pace with rising demand and expand rural outreach.

Activities include:

- Sustain three existing helpline advocate positions.
- Fund 27% of a new fourth helpline advocate position.
- Enhance tiered call-response system to manage multiple simultaneous calls.
- Conduct targeted rural outreach in underserved northern Somerset County (posters, discreet cards, outreach through libraries, food pantries, town offices, health clinics).

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- Engage rural partners to improve ongoing referrals and survivor awareness.

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

No

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$73,457 (no match required).
- Personnel: \$70,257 for 27% of salary/benefits for four helpline advocates.
- Other: \$3,200 to purchase two laptops for helpline staff (unclear if this should be allocated based on effort).
- No funds for travel, equipment (over \$10,000), or consultants.
- Budget is simple, focused on sustaining direct service staff.
- They have 4 names of staff, but it looked like they were going to hire the 4<sup>th</sup> position, unclear how this will expand capacity and not supplant.

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

- Federal Purpose Area: #5 (strengthen victim services).
- Maine Priority Area: #2 (victim service maintenance and expansion, with focus on outreach to underserved rural communities).

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Project responds to rapidly increasing call volume.
- Strong focus on rural outreach aligns with STOP priorities around underserved populations.
- Project sustains parts of advocate positions that are existing – and doesn't address where the funds for those existing positions currently are going or how that will ultimately increase capacity. The fourth advocate, it says, will be hired. However based on the budget, they appear to have already been hired.

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**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Family Violence Project – Strengthening 24/7 Victim Services

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for Kennebec and Somerset
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/2025 to 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – sustain and expand access to the helpline
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. No
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. No
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$73,457 – provides part of salary and benefits of many advocates that are on the helpline.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal – 5
  - b. Maine 2
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A
10. Other relevant information – it pays for part of the advocate salaries that are already on the helpline.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Her Safety Net

**DATE:** 8.21.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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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. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? yes
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25-6/30/27 (correct?)
  - b. Description of Project – Culturally Responsive Support for Survivors of Violence: The proposed project aims to address the urgent and complex needs of immigrant, refugee, asylum-seeking, and BIPOC survivors of domestic violence in Androscoggin County, Maine—a geographically broad area with limited culturally specific support services. These populations often face compounded barriers when seeking help due to language differences, cultural stigma, systemic oppression, financial instability, and trauma related to past and ongoing violence.
    - Providing trauma-informed, culturally specific advocacy and case management;
    - Facilitating monthly support groups to build survivor connection and healing;
    - Offering multilingual education and outreach to

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raise awareness; • Supporting access to housing, immigration services, healthcare, public assistance, and legal aid; • Collaborating with local service providers to ensure coordinated and inclusive care.

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$76,171.34 (included match) – A portion of this total includes rent, equipment, bookkeeping services and travel. \$61,327 is salary/fringe, rest is other.

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. The advocate will be Working 18 hours per week for 88 weeks, the advocate will be compensated at a rate of \$25 per hour. The project coordinator will be working 5 hours a week for 88 weeks at the rate of 50/hr.

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

Federal: Didn't Answer

Maine: Didn't Answer

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? No.
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? n/a
10. Other relevant information: Is this funding for a new advocate or existing position?

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Her Safety Net

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: HSN has established itself as a victim service provider, demonstrated through their partnership with Safe Voices and performance implementing the 2024 STOP award

2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? YES

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 6/30/27

b. Description of Project – Culturally specific domestic violence advocacy in Androscoggin County for immigrant, refugee, asylum-seeking, and BIPOC survivors, primarily low-income women who are unhoused or at risk of homelessness

P – collaborations with Safe Voices and membership with MCEDV to support development and quality of DV services as well as partnerships across housing, health care, and faith institutions accomplished, all supported with previous STOP grant. This grant includes in the timeline specific objectives to expand connections across these areas and other culturally specific service providers

P – public health approach framed the founding and continues to inform what HSN describes as their work

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES

N- there is ample mention of collaboration and training with domestic violence entities but none with sexual assault services

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$76,171 (+37,521 match)

P – no match is required of victim service provider grantees, but one is included

N – position titles are not included in the budget, though they are mentioned in the narrative

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

P – project goals align with purpose and priority areas

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? NO/N/A

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Her Safety Net

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Founded in 2021, Her Safety Net (HSN) is a Lewiston-based nonprofit providing culturally specific services for immigrant, refugee, asylum-seeking, and BIPOC survivors of DV, SA, dating violence, and stalking.
- Awarded a STOP grant in 2023, which enabled expansion of culturally specific DV advocacy.
- Member of the AK Collaborative, MCEDV, and works with DHHS, Maine CDC Office of Population Health Equity, and local partners like Safe Voices and LA Housing.
- Board and staff reflect lived experience of immigrant/BIPOC communities; operates a Community Health Worker program with cultural/linguistic representation.
- Demonstrated ability to implement complex projects (e.g., COVID-19 Community Resilience Program with State of Maine).

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

Yes

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 11/1/2025 – 6/30/2027

b. Description of Project: Continuation and expansion of culturally responsive advocacy and support for immigrant, refugee, asylum-seeking, and BIPOC survivors in Androscoggin County.

Activities include:

- Hire/maintain a full-time culturally competent DV advocate and part-time project coordinator.
- Provide direct services to at least 100 survivors annually (case management, housing, immigration, benefits, advocacy).
- Facilitate monthly multilingual support groups.

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- Deliver outreach/education campaigns and multilingual materials.
- Strengthen partnerships with Safe Voices, law enforcement, healthcare, faith leaders, and cultural groups.
- Develop new products: multilingual hotline, culturally sensitive counseling, safe spaces, training for law enforcement and faith leaders.

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

Yes, prior STOP funds supported culturally specific advocacy and served 100+ survivors

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

Yes - however, the application does not provide data disaggregated by SA survivors, making it difficult to assess the depth of this work.

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$76,171.34; Match: \$37,520.96; Total: \$113,692.30.
- Personnel: \$61,328 (full-time advocate + part-time coordinator).
- Travel: \$500 (mileage).
- Equipment: \$670 (supplies).
- Consultant: \$3,350 (accounting/bookkeeping).
- Rent/utilities/insurance: \$10,323.
- Budget is proportional to scope; heavy emphasis on personnel.
- Position titles missing from the table, but in the narrative.
- Match provided voluntarily, not required for victim services providers.

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #5 (strengthen victim services), #7 (coordination and systems collaboration).
- Maine Priority Areas: culturally specific services; outreach to underserved populations.

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

No

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

Not required; HSN is a culturally specific victim services provider. Narrative demonstrates strong consultation with Safe Voices and MCEDV

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10. Other relevant information

- Strengths in cultural competence and survivor trust-building, addressing populations often excluded from mainstream services.
- Small/young organization (founded in 2021) may raise capacity/sustainability questions, though partnerships mitigate this. May need additional grant support.
- Project expansion (new hotline, counseling, safe spaces, longitudinal tracking, listening sessions) is ambitious relative to size.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Her Safety Net

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. Founded in 2021 and serves immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and BIPOC populations
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. yes
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25 to 6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project – provides advocacy, case management, support groups, outreach, and collaboration in Andro. DV Advocate
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes – advocacy work in Androscoggin
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. Yes – no percentage given (funds are for a DV advocate)
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$76,171.34 – DV advocate salary and benefits, accounting and bookkeeping
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): empty in the proposed project but are in the project goals
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? No
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? No, don't know if needed with DVCR or SA organization?
10. Other relevant information –

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Hope and Justice Project

**DATE:** 8.22.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Cut/paste feature in this app didn't work, so notes will be very brief. Agency has substantial hx operating as the DVRC in this local area and has experience managing grants. ED has 25 years of experience in this field.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Criminal Justice Systems Advocate: provides support and follow up with survivors and also collaborates with law enforcement. Continue work of current staff and enhance capacity for expansion.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$70,642 (\$63,371.04 is salary/fringe), other costs are cell phone, travel and development of info. packets for clients.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5, 9, 11 and 19

Maine: 2
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes, many letters of support and info. sharing agreements were included.
10. Other relevant information: Only thing I didn't see was insurance certificate.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Hope and Justice Project

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: HJP is the regional DV Resource Ctr for project area, with services described throughout Aroostook. HJP has had STOP grants in the past
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project -
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES

P – specifies that 15% of the budget will be allocated toward sexual assault services and raising awareness  
P – funded advocate will attend SAFE training and be available for SAFE exam accompaniment in addition to follow-up with law enforcement to sexual assault victims in sexual assault investigations  
P – names collaboration with Micmac and Maliseet Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Centers.  
Q – does not name collaboration with AMHC Sexual Assault Services or intention to coordinate services with them
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$70,682

N - federal cost not included on cover page  
P – very detailed and clear salary/fringe w/other costs aligned with project activities
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

P – project closely aligns with several purpose and priority areas
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A

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9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Hope and Justice Project

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Hope and Justice Project (HJP) is the designated domestic violence resource center serving Aroostook County, with decades of experience delivering comprehensive DV/SA services .
- Offers 24/7 hotline, shelter, transitional housing, civil legal advocacy, community outreach, prevention, and CPS liaison services.
- Member of MCEDV; adheres to statewide quality assurance standards.
- Experienced in working closely with law enforcement, courts, and prosecutors across rural northern Maine.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

b. Description of Project - Fund a Criminal Justice System Advocate (CJSA) to provide advocacy for survivors engaged in the criminal justice system in Aroostook County.

**Activities include:**

- Crisis intervention, safety planning, and accompaniment in Houlton, Presque Isle, and Caribou District Courts .
- Proactive collaboration with law enforcement (Sheriff's Office, Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Madawaska, Fort Kent, and Caribou PDs, but lack of coordination with AMHC SAS).
- Review of police reports, attendance at 48-hour follow-ups, and liaison role with investigators.
- Facilitation of survivor support groups in southern and central Aroostook.

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- Technical assistance for other HJP staff on supporting survivors in criminal justice cases.
- Convening collaborative meetings with law enforcement and service providers to ensure safe meeting spaces and coordinated responses.

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

Yes, HJP has historically operated a CJSA role and is seeking continued STOP funding to maintain it.

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

Says it does, however, the application does not provide service data disaggregated by SA, limiting the ability to assess meaningfulness under the 20% SA set-aside. No listed partnership with AMHC Sexual Assault Services and not taking sexual assault advocate training.

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$70,682
- Funds primarily cover salary/benefits of one Criminal Justice System Advocate.
- No significant other categories requested beyond personnel and basic operating support.
- Budget appears proportional and aligned with project goals.
- Sustainability plan includes continued reliance on STOP plus diversification through other federal/state grant programs.
- The narrative frames this as a continuation project (CJSA role already exists and has been STOP-supported).

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

- Federal Purpose Area: #5, #9, #11, #19.
- Maine Priority Area: #1, #2

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

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- Emphasis on rural service delivery in Maine's largest county by geography, with unique barriers such as long distances, poverty, and limited system capacity.
- Application demonstrates strong partnerships with law enforcement and courts, enhancing likelihood of impact.
- No partnership mentioned with AMHC sexual assault services, notable due to work cited related to Sexual Assault.
- Budget includes printing sexual assault brochures – out of scope for a DV provider.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Hope and Justice Program

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. Aroostook County serving DV and SA
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 to 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – advocate that works in the CJS between LE and DA office.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes- funded a criminal justice system advocate (hired 1/25)
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. Yes (15%)
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$70,682.04 – salary, benefits, travel, informational packets, cell phone
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal: 5, 9, 11, 19
  - b. Maine: 1, 2
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Not required, but received many
10. Other relevant information – missing federal proposed cost on first page

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** IFKA

**DATE:** 8.22.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: IFKA's leadership has supported Maine's immigrant and refugee communities by providing interpreting, outreach, and community health services, building lasting relationships rooted in cultural understanding, trust, and respect. Survivors turn to IFKA because they know they will be heard in their own language, supported without judgment, and guided by advocates who share their cultural background—helping them take steps toward safety, justice, and healing. We have assisted victims in navigating police reports, court proceedings, immigration relief, housing relocation, and medical care, removing barriers that would otherwise keep them silent.

IFKA is an established 501(c)(3) immigrant-led nonprofit with 13 years of continuous service providing culturally specific, trauma-informed advocacy to Maine's immigrant and refugee communities. Our multilingual advocates are experienced in complex case response and crisis intervention, ensuring survivors can access services in their preferred language. We maintain strong partnerships with law enforcement, hospitals, shelters, and legal aid providers, enabling rapid, coordinated support. With deep community trust, a skilled bilingual team, and proven collaborative networks, IFKA is uniquely positioned to implement this project and achieve measurable gains in survivor safety, access to services, and system-wide coordination.

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

3. Proposed Services

- a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25-6/30/27 (correct?)
- b. Description of Project – IFKA's Culturally Specific Victim Services for Immigrant Women: Covers salary and fringe benefits for staff members directly responsible for implementing the proposed project. Personnel time will be dedicated to delivering direct services to survivors, coordinating activities with partner agencies, and managing project operations. • Project Coordinator (0.5 FTE) – Oversees day-to-day implementation of the project, manages data collection, ensures compliance with grant requirements, and coordinates communication among partner agencies. • Victim Advocate (1.0 FTE) – Provides trauma-informed, culturally specific advocacy to immigrant and refugee survivors, including safety planning, court accompaniment,

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systems navigation, and referrals to supportive services, • Outreach Specialist (0.25 FTE) – Conducts targeted outreach and education in immigrant communities, disseminates multilingual materials, and builds relationships to increase awareness of available services.

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$85,000 (the amount requested on page 1, doesn't match what's being requested in the budget section \$166,505. Also, only \$149,505 of this overall request is for salary/fringe. Other expenses listed include training, supplies, equipment, services, travel, etc.)
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
  
Federal: 5, 9, 14, 16 and 23  
  
Maine: Addressing the Needs of Underserved Victims
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? no
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? no
10. Other relevant information: ED's signature was missing in a number of places. Has collaboration been done with existing culturally-specific gender-based violence services in this same geographical area?

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** IFKA Community Services

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: there is no evidence of existing partnerships or collaborations with existing victim service providers, which is essential for a new program to be established
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? YES
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project – Establishing DV/SA services for immigrant communities in Androscoggin Cty
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? NO
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES  
Q – notes that 40% of the budget will be dedicated to sexual assault response  
N – existing sexual assault service providers are not listed among the partner collaborations to be established
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses:  
Q - \$85,000 is named on the cover page but \$166,505 is indicated on the budget page  
Q – the project names STOP VAWA training without saying what that is. There would need to be specifics.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
P – intentions align with purpose and priorities
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? NO/N/A
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?  
N – there is no indication that the applicant has an established collaboration with an existing domestic violence or sexual assault service provider. While data from the MECASA website is cited, the project design does not include objectives to link the proposed services with the existing networks.

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10. Other relevant information

N – application is no signed

N – Licensure/Certification includes no information about source of qualifications to provide domestic violence or sexual assault services. It should at least name having received training endorsed by MCEDV and MECASA

P – proposal reflects understanding of the complex barriers that immigrant and refugee victims of abuse face in accessing traditional support and the importance of providing language access and culturally informed services that are more likely to be accessed by victims from these communities.

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**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Ifka Community Services

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- IFKA is a Lewiston-based, immigrant-led nonprofit established over a decade ago, providing culturally specific services including interpreting, outreach, and community health navigation for immigrant and refugee communities.
- Staff and leadership reflect the lived experience of the populations served, with strong linguistic and cultural competency in Somali, Arabic, French, Portuguese, and other languages.
- Demonstrated experience supporting survivors in navigating police, courts, immigration relief, housing, and medical care.
- Case examples include assisting in a high-profile dating violence case and supporting an immigrant teen sexual assault survivor to report a drug-facilitated rape (however, anecdotes suggest advocates may have pressured victims to make police reports rather than give them informed options)
- Maintains strong relationships with law enforcement, healthcare, shelters, and legal aid.
- No information included about training received around domestic violence and sexual assault or current partnerships with those organizations.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

Yes

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 11/1/2025 – 6/30/2027

b. Description of Project - Launch of *Culturally Specific Victim Services for Immigrant Women* in Androscoggin County.

Activities include:

- Direct, survivor-centered advocacy (crisis intervention, accompaniment, safety planning, immigration relief assistance).
- Guaranteed language access with bilingual staff and interpreters.

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- Multilingual outreach/education (12 videos annually; 500 materials/year).
- MOUs with law enforcement, healthcare, and legal aid; participation in case coordination meetings.
- Products include safety planning templates, multilingual outreach materials, referral protocols, and partner training modules.

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

No

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

Yes — approx. 40% of budget dedicated to SA response, including accompaniment for reporting, SANE exams, and advocacy. However no data that describes the percentage of clients experiencing sexual assault that have been served, no partnership with SA organization, or training.

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$166,505; no match required, doesn't match amount on cover page.
- Personnel: \$149,505 (0.5 FTE Project Coordinator, 1.0 FTE Victim Advocate, 0.25 FTE Outreach Specialist).
- Travel: \$3,000 (service delivery, STOP trainings, partner coordination).
- Equipment: \$5,000 (secure laptops, phones, encrypted data storage, video camera).
- Consultant/Contracted: \$5,000 (interpretation and legal consultation).
- Other: \$2,000 supplies/operating; \$2,000 training/professional development.

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #5 (victim access to interpreters), #9 (expand victim services for underserved), #14 (culturally specific services), #16 (immigration-related relief), #23 (inter-agency coordination).
- Maine Priority Area: Addressing the needs of underserved victims.

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

No.

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10. Other relevant information

- Application is detailed and well-structured, with clear goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes.
- Strong community trust and cultural/linguistic expertise position IFKA to reach survivors who often avoid mainstream services.
- Ambitious project for a relatively small organization; reliance on new hires (Project Coordinator, Advocate, Outreach Specialist) may delay rollout.
- Potential overlap with other Lewiston-area providers (e.g., Safe Voices, Her Safety Net, IRCM) raises coordination issues. How are these providers working together?
- The application is not signed.

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**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Ifka Community Services

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. Don't know how long they have been around or what qualifications they have to provide support.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. yes
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25-6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project –
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. no
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. Yes (40%)
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$85,000 on cover page but \$166,505 on budget
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal
  - b. 5 (Ensuring victims have access to interpreters) #9 (Providing or expanding victim services, especially for underserved populations) #14 (Providing culturally specific services for victims) #16 (Assistance in immigration-related relief) #23 (Improving coordination between agencies)
  - c. Maine Addressing the Needs of Underserved Victims
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? no
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? No, don't know if needed.
10. Other relevant information –

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Lisungi Assistance Maine

**DATE:** 8.22.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience:**

Lisungi Assistance Maine is a nonprofit founded in 2023 in Lewiston, Maine. Among its core missions is the support of African immigrant women who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. Founded by and for immigrants, Lisungi is led by African immigrants with deep cultural understanding and strong community ties. The organization provides linguistically accessible, culturally responsive, and community-based services to address the needs of vulnerable women in Maine. Lisungi has built strong partnerships and has gained recognition for its impactful work across the state.

Lisungi's staff includes African immigrants with firsthand knowledge of the cultural barriers faced by survivors. Their qualifications reflect both lived experience and growing professional capacity: • Fluency in multiple African languages • Experience in cultural mediation and survivor advocacy • Legal system navigation support with interpreters • Familiarity with trauma-informed care, with formal training planned under this grant • Experience coordinating transportation, referrals, and emotional support.

**2. Proposed Services**

- a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25-6/30/27 (correct?)
- b. Description of Project – Silenced No More: Empowering Immigrant Women Against Violence: Lisungi Assistance Maine proposes a trauma-informed, linguistically accessible, and community-centered response to sexual violence. With STOP funding, Lisungi will expand its services to provide: - Safe transportation of women victims sexual assault to clinics, immigration offices, and legal appointments - Culturally appropriate trauma support in French, Swahili, Lingala, Kirundi, and Portuguese - Legal navigation and referrals for protective services - An anonymous multilingual chatbot for discreet reporting and information.

**3. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?** no

**4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?** yes

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5. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$60,000 (only \$33,000 is salary/fringe – other costs include travel, consultants and other. Other category of \$10,000 alone.) 6 of the positions mentioned would need to be hired on. The legal and counseling services done through proposed contracts could be done through referrals to existing programs.

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

Answer provided was not broken out as to which are federal and which are Maine:

- Culturally and linguistically appropriate victim services - Community-based programs to support reporting and safety - Victim services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence- Serving immigrant and refugee women - Enhancing trauma-informed, culturally responsive care - Providing transportation, legal aid, and outreach - Increasing access for non-English speaking survivors

Federal: see above

Maine: see above

7. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes
8. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? yes
9. Other relevant information: Has collaboration been done with existing culturally-specific gender-based violence services in this same geographical area?

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Lisungi Assistance Maine

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience  
Founded by and for immigrants in 2023 to, among other missions, support African immigrant women victims of domestic and sexual violence, however there is no evidence of collaboration with existing victim service providers, which is essential for an emerging entity to be established.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? YES, based on the description of the agency (though the box is check NO for this question on the application)
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project – Ensure the African immigrant women experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or gender-based harm can safely access comprehensive, trauma-informed, and culturally grounded support services; change community attitudes through awareness raising and education

P – Language and cultural support  
Q – current services list transportation, food, language access, peer support and culturally adapted referral plus awareness events.  
N – lists planned partnership with MCEDV but no evidence of efforts to establish that connection prior to application for STOP; does not list local domestic violence or sexual assault agency as partnerships in place or planned  
P – has partnership with law firm specializing in immigrant relief
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? NO
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$60,000 with 30% focused on supporting sexual assault specific activities (\$18,000)
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

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8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? The collaboration required is with an existing victim services entity. The attached form is from a local church.

10. Other relevant information

Q – on page 1, in response to population of project area, rather than the population number, the named people to be served are only women who are immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers. Services funded with these grants cannot be limited to women only.

N – use of an AI Chatbot to provide services is concerning

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Lisungi Assistance Maine

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Lisungi Assistance Maine is a Lewiston-based nonprofit founded in 2023, immigrant-led and focused on African immigrant women survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The frequent reference to women makes it unclear if services are equally available for all genders, which is required by STOP.
- Lisungi is a newer organization, began in 2023. Makes it inherently higher risk. Many of the staff that would be needed for the program are not hired.
- Services already provided include safe transportation, emergency food, interpretation/translation (French, Lingala, Swahili, Kirundi, Portuguese), and trauma-informed peer support, but not victim services.
- Partnerships include Flemming Law Firm (legal advice), Lewiston Academy (translation services), multiple African immigrant churches, and volunteer drivers/peer advocates.
- Subcontractors will provide legal services, counseling, translation, and AI/tech support (for a multilingual chatbot).
- Staff and board are African immigrants with lived experience of the barriers faced by clients.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

They said no on the chart, but appear to be one.

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 11/1/2025 – 6/30/2027

b. Description of Project - Expand trauma-informed, culturally responsive services for African immigrant survivors of DV/SA in Androscoggin County.

Activities include:

- Transportation for survivors to clinics, courts, shelters, immigration/legal offices.
- Multilingual trauma support groups and peer counseling.
- Legal navigation and referrals (including immigration relief, PFAs, VAWA petitions).

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- Multilingual chatbot for anonymous reporting and transportation coordination (concerns about implementation of such program without vetted safeguards and proven reliability).
- Emergency housing and food assistance.
- Outreach and education campaigns through churches, WhatsApp, and social media.

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

No

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

Applicant estimates ~30% of the project budget will directly support sexual assault-specific activities, however there is not data shared about sexual assault services, no reference to sexual assault training, and no partnership identified with a sexual assault support center.

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$60,000; no match required.
- Select that they will supplant and not supplement.
- Inconsistencies on budget page, numbers aren't adding up in the Travel Expenses category.
- Personnel: \$33,000 (partial salaries/stipends for project supervisor, coordinator, admin, financier, 2 communicators, 2 drivers).
- Travel: \$8,000 (transportation for survivors and staff to trainings/meetings).
- Consultant/Contracted: \$9,000 (legal contractors and counseling services).
- Other: \$10,000 (supplies, printing, phones, outreach materials, internet, insurance, small equipment).

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: culturally and linguistically appropriate victim services; community-based programs for reporting and safety; SA/DV victim services.
- Maine Priority Areas: serving immigrant/refugee women; trauma-informed, culturally responsive services; transportation and housing supports.

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

No, should be signed by existing victim service providers (signed by a church).

10. Other relevant information

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- Strong cultural credibility and reach into Lewiston's African immigrant community.
- Innovative use of technology (multilingual chatbot), though ambitious for a small, new organization, raises questions about vetting answers before survivor use.
- They provide both qualitative and quantitative data to show service demand.
- Don't appear to have any experience serving clients already.
- Most of the staff needed for the project are not currently hired.
- Very new nonprofit (founded 2023), relatively small scale, heavy reliance on volunteers and part-time staff. Ambitious outcomes given this.
- Partnership with MCEDV for training is mentioned but not yet formalized, no collaboration with local DV or SA services.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** LISUNGI ASSISTANCE Maine

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. 2023 nonprofit in Lewiston supporting African immigrant women who are victims of DV/SA.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? Checked no, but is the answer yes?
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25 to 6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project – translation, advocacy, transportation for African immigrant women community
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. no
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. Yes (30%)
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$60,000, partial salary and many employees, travel, \$9,000 in contracts, and \$10,000 in communications and outreach.
  - b. Is the budget correct on annual salary's?
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes, but not with DVRC or SVRC
10. Other relevant information – Will use subcontractors. Checked the box that funds are going to supplant not supplement the grant.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Next Step DV Project

**DATE:** 8.22.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience:**

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

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.

**2. Proposed Services**

**a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26**

**b. Description of Project – Continuing to Maximize the Effectiveness of Criminal Justice System Responses to Victim Safety –** (The advocate would continue currently role providing victim notification in partnership with local jail.) Now that we are well into this STOP-funded project, we have identified several other areas that we will address if we receive renewal funding. (1) We have heard from several victims whose abusers were released from prison, rather than the county jail. Our Criminal Justice Advocate was able to help these individuals by reaching out to the prison system for more information, including instances of early release, of which the victim was unaware; and by helping the victims develop enhanced safety plans that included contact with probation officers. She will continue to do this under the renewal. (2) The Criminal Justice Advocate's collaboration with the jail administrator, and their weekly review of files, has brought to light a gap in the process leading up to victim notification. Officers are not always filing out the form that prompts victim notification. There is a need for officer training and follow-up to avoid these oversights. We plan to do a process mapping exercise with the Sheriff's Office to address this.

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3. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no
5. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$71,694 (all of which is salary/fringe except for \$1,200 in travel)
6. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5: Developing, Enlarging, or Strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs

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

7. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? no
8. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? There was an embedded MOU in the application, but I was unable to open it.
9. Other relevant information:

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Next Step Domestic Violence Project

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Next Step is the regional DVRC for the project area with demonstrated decades of experience and established collaboration to support the continuation of this project

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26

b. Description of Project – Continued criminal justice system advocacy, particularly focused on victim notification when offenders are released from jail/prison and enhanced safety planning, including advocacy related to incarcerated offenders attempted/actual contact with victims

P – clear needs assessment has been done and project has demonstrated impact with data

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$71,694

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) – project aligns with purpose and priority areas

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? NO/N/A

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A

P – MOU attached (though I was not able to open it)

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Next Step Domestic Violence Project

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Next Step is the designated domestic violence resource center serving Hancock and Washington Counties.
- Provides comprehensive services: 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, safety planning, housing support, child welfare liaison, education programs, and training for systems partners.
- Serves approximately 1,000 individuals annually, with one-third using legal services; shelters an average of 50 people per year.
- Strong history of federal and state grant management (OVW, DHHS, Maine State Housing Authority).
- Active member of MCEDV; strong partnerships with law enforcement, corrections, and courts.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026

b. Description of Project -

Activities include:

- Maintain 1 FTE Criminal Justice Advocate (current staff - Maggie McArthur).
- Provide timely victim notification of offender release and intervene when notifications fail.
- Identify and stop prohibited offender contact with victims during incarceration (calls, social media, third-party contact).
- Weekly file reviews with Jail Administrator to identify high-risk cases.
- Train corrections officers on notification procedures and conduct process mapping with Sheriff's Office.

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

Yes. Current STOP-funded project supports a Criminal Justice Advocate (CJA) based in Hancock County Jail

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$71,694.
- Personnel: \$70,494 (salary + fringe for 1 FTE CJA).
- Travel: \$1,200 (2,400 miles at \$0.50/mile).
- No funds requested for equipment, consultants, or other expenses.
- Budget is reasonable.

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

- Federal Purpose Area: #5 (strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs).
- Maine Priority Areas: Coordinated Community Response; Victim Services Maintenance/Expansion; Enhanced Adjudication Process; Training.

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

No

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Only 45 projected survivors served in a year, outcomes would have been strengthened by adding training numbers.
- Project addresses a unique, specific gap (jail-based notifications and offender contact prevention).
- How will this project interact with VINE?

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Next Step Domestic Violence Project

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for Washington and Hancock
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 to 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – continued funding for the criminal justice advocate
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes – provided offender release info from incarceration to victim and engaged when offenders were contacting victims that were prohibited
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$71,694 – criminal justice advocate
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal : Developing, Enlarging, or Strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs
  - b. Maine: Coordinated Community Response; Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion; Enhanced Adjudication Process; and Training
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? No
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?
10. Other relevant information – I can't see embedded MOU

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Partners for Peace

**DATE:** 8.25.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Partners for Peace (PFP) has a 52-year history of serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Founded in 1973, PFP became the first domestic violence resource center (DVRC) in Maine and the third in the nation. 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, and foster safe, healthy relationships through prevention, education, and training. Together with our community, we recognize the nature of abuse, respond to it, and change the conditions that lead to it. PFP proudly serves victims in partnership with the local sexual assault advocacy center, Rape Response Services (RRS), and the Penobscot Nation Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center, which serves Indigenous victims.

The agency's leadership team collectively brings nearly 90 years of experience in the domestic violence field, with expertise spanning advocacy, program management, systems coordination, and multidisciplinary collaboration. Most Partners for Peace staff identify as survivors of domestic abuse themselves, bringing the invaluable perspective of lived experience to their work with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Angie Alfonso, Director of Advocacy and Outreach Services, has decades of experience in victim advocacy and oversees the implementation of complex, multi-county projects, including supervising and overseeing the work of the Advocacy and Outreach, Legal and Justice Services, and Community Education Programs. She is in the process of becoming certified as an expert witness in domestic violence in the state of Maine and is a respected leader who regularly provides training to multidisciplinary professionals statewide.

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

3. Proposed Services

- a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26

- b. Description of Project – Justice Navigation Project: PFP requests STOP Formula Grant funding to support year two of our three-year Justice Navigation Project. Building on the progress of year one, this project aims to

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strengthen the coordinated community response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties through enhanced victim support, cross-system collaboration, and improved information sharing and tracking systems for domestic violence crimes, specifically high-risk cases. We request funds to support one year of salary for the Justice Navigator position.

The Justice Navigator helps build capacity within the criminal justice system, including in the rural region, by providing trauma-informed, victim-centered support that enhances the entire system's response to domestic violence, especially in high-risk cases requiring specialized, complex safety planning. While law enforcement and prosecutors focus on building strong cases, the Justice Navigator focuses solely on the unique and complex needs of victims— offering safety planning, emotional support, and crisis intervention throughout the legal process. Many victims experience mental health challenges and substance use disorders because of prolonged abuse, and the Justice Navigator is equipped to respond to these realities with empathy and skill.

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$62,463 (all salary/fringe except for \$1,000 in travel. However, also says \$1,000 for NFS training for 2 staff, but I don't see that in the budget. Perhaps training was entered mistakenly in the travel box?)
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
  
Federal: 4 and 11  
  
Maine: 1, 2, 3 and 4
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes, many signed collaboration forms were included.
10. Other relevant information: n/a

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Partners for Peace

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: PFP is the regional DVRC serving the project area with over 50 years of experience and previous STOP grants, working in collaboration with both the local sexual assault center and Tribal DV/SA Advocacy Center.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Justice Navigator Program
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES  
P - Impressive data for year one of planned 3-year project, with 154 victims served in CJ system, with 99 in high-risk cases.  
P - Needs assessment used to design project, with helpful data included.
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$62,463  
  
P - Clear and straightforward salary and fringe plus training cost that is clearly central to the project and reasonable.
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): project aligns with purpose and priority areas
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? YES...though the purpose of this form is for non-victim service providers to obtain collaborative agreements from victim service providers.

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P - Nonetheless, these documents demonstrate for this project a high level of collaboration and buy in from key criminal justice system partners

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Partners for Peace

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Partners for Peace (PFP) has over 50 years of experience providing domestic violence services; first DV resource center in Maine, third in the nation.
- Offers a full range of victim services: 24/7 helpline, safety planning, shelter, transitional housing, legal advocacy, support groups, and child protective liaison work.
- Strong record of collaboration with Rape Response Services and Penobscot Nation Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center.
- Staff and leadership demonstrate deep expertise, including specialized training in non-fatal strangulation, systems advocacy, and coordination of multi-disciplinary teams.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

- a. Duration of Project - 10/1/25 – 9/30/26 (continuation of current project)
- b. Description of Project - Continuation of the Justice Navigation Project, maintaining a full-time Justice Navigator who provides:

- Direct, trauma-informed advocacy for DV victims navigating the criminal justice system.
- Safety planning and support in high-risk cases, including non-fatal strangulation and stalking.
- Multidisciplinary coordination with law enforcement, courts, CDVIP, pretrial services, and prosecutors.
- Data collection and analysis to improve referral systems, high-risk case tracking, and interagency communication.

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

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Yes – Year 2 of a 3-year initiative. Year 1 served 154 victims, including 99 high-risk cases (50 involving non-fatal strangulation). Saw measurable increases in victim safety knowledge and improved coordination with justice partners.

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Total request: \$62,463.
- Funds are primarily for staff salary and benefits of the Justice Navigator position, training (Advanced Strangulation Prevention), and convenings with partners.
- Budget appears reasonable and aligned with scope of work.

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

**Federal Purpose Areas:**

- (4) Data collection/communication systems for tracking DV/SA crimes.
- (11) Maintaining core victim services & criminal justice initiatives.

**Maine Priority Areas:**

- Coordinated Community Response / Multi-disciplinary Response.
- Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion.
- Policy, Procedures, and Planning.
- Technology and Information

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Strong alignment with STOP priorities around coordinated community response and high-risk case intervention.
- Proposal is data-driven, well-documented.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Partners For Peace

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for Penobscot/Piscataquis, longstanding organization serving victims
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25- 9/20/26
  - b. Description of Project - Justice Navigation Process – hires a position to meet their three goals. Year 2 of 3.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes, year 2 of 3 of the Justice Navigation Process
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. ` \$62,463 – salary and benefits for justice navigator position
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal:
    - i. 4. 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.
    - ii. 11. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency

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services for victims and their families, including rehabilitative work with offenders

b. MAINE

- i. 1. 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.
- ii. 2. Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion. This priority area emphasizes upholding key victim services as well as expanding services to underserved areas and populations.
- iii. 3. Policy, Procedures, and Planning. Funding in this priority area is geared toward developing evidencebased policies and practices in responding to domestic violence and sexual violence
- iv. 4. 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. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

a. yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

a. YES and not needed

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Pine Tree Legal

**DATE:** 8.22.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** 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 2024 alone, PTLA provided legal help on 1,225 legal issues for survivors.

**2. Proposed Services**

**a. Duration of Project – 1/1/26-12/31/26**

**b. Description of Project –** This project will increase access to civil legal assistance, thereby helping survivors live free from violence and have their safety, well-being, and livelihoods protected. With legal assistance, a survivor can obtain a protection order that prohibits contact by the abuser and can be enforced by law enforcement. Protection orders also address economic, housing, and social barriers to safety and well-being. identified needs. 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 full-time attorney serving survivors in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock and Washington Counties. This project will allow us to maintain services in some of Maine's most underserved regions

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

**4. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes**

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5. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$96,807 (all of which is salary/fringe).  
One full-time attorney and a small portion of supporting paralegal.
6. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)  
  
Federal: 3, 5 and 6  
  
Maine: 1 and 2
7. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? no
8. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes, several provided.
9. Other relevant information: Looks like they currently have a lot of unspent funds.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Pine Tree Legal Assistance

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: PTLA is Maine's legal services provider for low income people, though its reach in rural areas is limited
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 1/1/26 – 12/31/26
  - b. Description of Project – Legal representation for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault across Piscataquis, Penobscot, Hancock and Washington Counties  
N – data regarding PFAs in the project areas are of court filings without information about how many of those cases benefited from PTLA representation
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES  
Q – it is not clear from the data provided where the 51 legal cases that were STOP funded were from. There is one example provided without specifying geographic location. Given the focus on this broad rural area, having more detail regarding the reach of the STOP funded services to align with the grant is certainly of interest in assessing alignment of the grant outcomes with grant objectives  
Q – the project locates one attorney in Bangor, and, absent data to demonstrate how this attorney has previously provided representation in Hancock and Washington Counties, it is unclear how such a broad reach is a practical objective
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES  
15% of project to focus on sexual assault
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$96,807 + \$47,681 match  
N – cost/JAC grant request not included on page 1
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s) project aligns with purpose and priority areas

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8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? NO/N/A

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? YES

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Pine Tree Legal Assistance

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- PTLA is Maine's oldest and largest statewide civil legal aid provider, with over 50 years of experience.
- Its Family Law and Victim Rights Unit consists of 15 attorneys and 3 paralegals providing holistic civil legal services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- In 2024, PTLA provided legal help on 1,225 legal issues for survivors.
- Recognized in 2015 with awards from MECASA and MCEDV for advocacy on behalf of victims.
- Attorneys are licensed in Maine - strong history of collaboration with local and statewide partners.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

- Duration: 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.
- Description: Continuation of civil legal services for survivors in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington Counties. Funding will support one full-time Family Law and Victim Rights Unit attorney.

Activities include:

- Processing referrals from DV/SA agencies.
- Providing trauma-informed intakes and holistic representation.
- Handling approximately 125 legal issues (protection orders, divorce, custody, etc.)

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

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Yes. Year 1 supported 51 legal cases, maintaining service despite funding setbacks when partner's LAV renewal was denied.

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

- Yes. PTLA anticipates that at least 15 percent of the project budget will be devoted to representing survivors of sexual assault.
- Collaborations with Rape Response Services and AMHC noted.

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$96,807
- Match: \$47,681
- Total: \$144,488
- Expenses primarily support salary/benefits for one attorney (100 percent STOP funded) and partial support for a paralegal (15 percent match), with additional allocations for travel, training, occupancy, supplies, and indirect costs.
- Budget is detailed, reasonable

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #3 (legal assistance), #5 (civil legal representation), #6 (expansion of victim services).
- Maine Priority Areas: #1 (victim service maintenance and expansion), #2 (sexual assault response).

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

Yes

10. Other relevant information

- Strong, experienced organization with proven infrastructure and statewide reputation.
- Proposal includes data, cites PFA filing data and national studies demonstrating effectiveness of legal representation in DV/SA cases.
- Year 1 challenges (attorney turnover, funding shifts) were acknowledged transparently and mitigated.

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- Proposal includes a clear evaluation plan using case management system data and outcome codes.
- Application is thorough, specific, and well-supported with research and Maine-specific data.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Pine Tree Legal Assistance

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. Very experienced civil legal service provider
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 1/1/26-12/31/26
  - b.
  - c. Description of Project – provide civil legal services to survivors
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes- full time staff attorney for civil legal services in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. Yes (15%)
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$96,807 for salary and benefits
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal: 3, #5, #6
  - b. Maine: 1, #2
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? no
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? yes
10. Other relevant information – does not show federal proposed cost on first page

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices CJA

**DATE:** 8.25.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: The mission of Safe Voices is to provide person-to-person, individualized advocacy for all survivors of domestic abuse and violence, sex trafficking, and sexual exploitation in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties and engage our communities in social change to eliminate violence. While advocating for and with survivors, we also endeavor to build safe communities in which everyone is free from abuse and exploitation. Safe Voices is the only provider of domestic and dating abuse, stalking, trafficking, and exploitation services in Maine's Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties. We have been providing comprehensive advocacy services to survivors for 48 years. During that time, we have established and strengthened partnerships with a variety of providers and partner agencies and have piloted or been at the forefront of several victim services initiatives. Staff are committed to ongoing professional development and the implementation of best practices to prioritize survivor safety and enhance services. Safe Voices employs more than 35 staff across our service area and has outreach offices in Rumford, Farmington, and Lewiston. Our advocates and staff engage in ongoing professional development and strive to become experts in their field and individual positions.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Criminal Justice Advocacy & Response Services: STOP grant funds will be utilized to support our Androscoggin County Criminal Court Advocate. 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. This will build upon and expand existing program. (As part of this program, agency will provide funding for Outreach Advocate as match.)
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no

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6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$33,760 (all salary/fringe)

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

Federal: 5

Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? no

10. Other relevant information: n/a

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices Criminal Justice Advocacy

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: SV is the DVRC serving the project area, and they have decades of experience doing this work
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – CJ system and CDVIP partner contact related advocacy as well as high-risk response team coordination
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES  
Criminal Justice Advocate supports victims through criminal justice system processes, including collaboration with law enforcement and prosecution, and assisting with wrap around services from other SV advocates, as well as initiating contact with partners/victims of offenders enrolled in certified domestic violence intervention program...also supervises this program.
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$33,760 + \$6,752 match (not required)  
  
Clear budget with JAC funding about half of the Criminal Court Advocate, matched with about 13% of the outreach advocate associated with the project
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): project aligns with purpose and priority areas
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A
10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices – Criminal Justice Advocacy

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Safe Voices, established in 1977, is the designated DVRC for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties.
- Provides a full range of DV victim services: 24/7 helpline, shelter/safe house, outreach offices in Rumford, Farmington, Lewiston, prevention education, and CDVIP offender programming.
- Employs 35+ staff; member of MCEDV; experienced in STOP and other federal/state grant administration.
- Current STOP award funds an Androscoggin County Criminal Court Advocate and Outreach Advocate, with strong evidence of service numbers (214 survivors served since Oct. 2024; 82 partner outreach calls; 254 CDVIP class participants).
- Quote used of the impact of DV services on client.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026

b. Description of Project - Sustain and expand *Criminal Justice Advocacy & Response Services* in Androscoggin County.

Activities include:

- Criminal Court Advocate provides advocacy in DV criminal cases: written impact statements, emotional support, legal updates, safety planning.
- Advocate-initiated outreach to survivors whose abusers are in CDVIP (Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program).
- Outreach Advocate offers follow-up support, referrals, and safety planning.
- Coordination of services with other providers; High-Risk Response meetings for certain

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cases.

- Facilitation of weekly CDVIP offender accountability classes (funded via match).

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

Yes

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$33,760; Match: \$6,752; Total: \$40,512.
- Personnel only: Criminal Court Advocate (52.2% FTE, \$33,760 federal) and Outreach Advocate (12.6% FTE, \$6,752 match).
- No funds for travel, consultants, or supplies.
- Budget is simple, aligned with project scope.

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

- Federal Purpose Area: #5 – developing/strengthening victim services programs.
- Maine Priority Area: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Strong track record, detailed continuation data, integration of offender accountability work (CDVIP) with victim advocacy.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices – criminal justice advocate

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for Andro, Franklin and Oxford
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 to 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – continued positions for advocacy in outreach and CJ
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes- funds a portion of the criminal justice advocate and outreach advocate positions
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$33,760 – part of salary and benefits for 2 positions
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal 5
  - b. Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A
10. Other relevant information –

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices Franklin County

**DATE:** 8.25.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: The mission of Safe Voices is to provide person-to-person, individualized advocacy for all survivors of domestic abuse and violence, sex trafficking, and sexual exploitation in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties and engage our communities in social change to eliminate violence. While advocating for and with survivors, we also endeavor to build safe communities in which everyone is free from abuse and exploitation. Safe Voices is the only provider of domestic and dating abuse, stalking, trafficking, and exploitation services in Maine's Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties. We have been providing comprehensive advocacy services to survivors for 48 years. During that time, we have established and strengthened partnerships with a variety of providers and partner agencies and have piloted or been at the forefront of several victim services initiatives. Staff are committed to ongoing professional development and the implementation of best practices to prioritize survivor safety and enhance services. Safe Voices employs more than 35 staff across our service area and has outreach offices in Rumford, Farmington, and Lewiston. Our advocates and staff engage in ongoing professional development and strive to become experts in their field and individual positions.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25-9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Franklin County Victim Services: Safe Voices is requesting \$43,760 in STOP Grant funds to be utilized over a one-year period. Funding will allow Safe Voices to retain 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. This will build upon and expand existing program. (As part of this program, agency will provide funding for Legal Advocacy Program Manager as match.)
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no

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6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$43,760 (all salary/fringe)

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

Federal: 5

Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? no

10. Other relevant information: n/a

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices Franklin County

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: SV is the DVRC serving this area with decades of experience
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/1/25 – 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – Franklin County Advocate, providing support and advocacy for survivors in that County
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES  
P – data to illustrate need and outreach: Franklin County residents comprise 7% of the 197 people served by SV last year
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$43,760 + \$8,762 match (not required)  
  
P – clear salary/fringe budget for 63% of the funded advocate matched with portion of supervisor's salary/fringe
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): project alignes with purpose and priority areas
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A
10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices – Franklin County

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Safe Voices is the DVRC serving Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties.
- Over 35 staff, with outreach offices in Lewiston, Rumford, and Farmington.
- Strong history of STOP administration: current award (VS1024) funds the Franklin County Advocate (Legal Program Coordinator).
- In the last fiscal year, Safe Voices supported 2,744 victims across its tri-county region, with 562 hours of advocacy to 197 Franklin County victims.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

- a. Duration of Project - 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026
- b. Project description: Retain a full-time Franklin County Advocate to provide comprehensive civil and criminal court advocacy and support for victims in a rural county.

**Activities include:**

- Court advocacy at all PFA docket days in Farmington District Court.
- Advocate-initiated outreach to survivors filing temporary PFAs.
- Ongoing individualized safety planning (80 survivors assisted since last award began).
- Referrals to community resources (66 referrals in 10 months).
- Convening Coordinated Community Response and High-Risk Response Team meetings to address high lethality risk cases.
- Coordination with DA's office and law enforcement to support victim engagement in criminal prosecution

**4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?**

Yes – continues the Franklin County Advocate position

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5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$43,760; Match: \$8,752; Total: \$52,512.
- Personnel only:
  - Franklin County Advocate (63% FTE) – \$43,760 STOP.
  - Program Manager (10.8% FTE) – \$8,752 match.
- No funds for travel, consultants, or operating costs.
- Budget is simple, tied to staff, proportional to scope.

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #5 (developing/strengthening victim services) and #7 (supporting statewide multidisciplinary coordination).
- Maine Priority Areas: Coordinated Community Response / Multi-disciplinary Response; Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Strong continuation with clear evidence of effectiveness: 80 safety plans, 27 final PFAs assisted, 66 referrals, consistent court coverage.
- Geographic reach: Franklin County, rural and underserved, where Safe Voices is the only DV/SA provider.
- Strong local presence, effective CCR collaboration, and well-documented outcomes.

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Safe Voices Franklin County Victim Services

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for prosecutorial district 3
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 10/2/25- 9/30/26
  - b. Description of Project – continues and advocate in Franklin county
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$43,760 part of salary for legal advocacy coordinator and legal advocacy program manager
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal: 5
  - b. Maine: Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A
10. Other relevant information –

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** SASSMM

**DATE:** 8.25.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Established in 1983, the Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine (SASSMM) is a dedicated agency of professionals and trained volunteers providing advocacy, support, and resources to survivors of sexual violence—including sexual assault, abuse, harassment, sex trafficking, and stalking—as well as to their families and concerned others. SASSMM is the sole provider of sexual violence services in the Midcoast region and is a proud member of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA), collaborating closely with Maine’s six other sexual assault support centers.

Originally serving Eastern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln Counties, SASSMM expanded its service area to include Knox and Waldo Counties in 2011. In 2017, SASSMM secured funding to increase staffing capacity, strengthening support for the more rural areas of our expanded region. Since then, we have continued to enhance both our prevention education efforts in schools and our intervention services across all five counties.

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

3. Proposed Services

- a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25-10/31/26

- b. Description of Project – Knox (and Lincoln) Systems Advocate: SASSMM is seeking STOP funding to support the hiring of a dedicated Systems Advocate focused on enhancing coordinated community responses to sexual violence in Knox County (and as back up in Lincoln County). This position will serve as the primary point of contact for Knox County courts/police departments and to other local systems partners, while providing essential back-up systems advocacy in Lincoln County. The Systems Advocate will dedicate their time to strengthening multi-disciplinary collaboration by working closely with professionals in law enforcement, prosecution, courts, corrections, and healthcare to improve survivor access to trauma-informed, culturally responsive services.

(SASSMM is also pursuing additional federal funds to sustain systems advocacy in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, and Waldo Counties, but STOP support is

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essential to deepening and sustaining engagement and service delivery in Knox County.)

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? no
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? yes
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$80,000 (\$65,000 is salary/fringe. Other costs include \$6,100 in travel and rest is rent, equipment, utilities, etc.)
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5 and 7

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

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? no
10. Other relevant information: n/a

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: SASSMM is the sexual assault center serving the project area

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

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 10/31/26

b. Description of Project – Systems Advocate for Knox County providing services to sexual violence survivors involved with systems, enhancing multidisciplinary partnership, and increasing access to advocacy for underserved populations (rural, incarcerated)

P – advocate initiated contact from PFA filings

Q – no data regarding the number of sexual assault specific PFAs filed in Knox County, and vast majority of PFAs are for domestic violence

P – support for 100% of hospital forensic exams requested by survivors.

4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? NO

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? YES

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$80,000

100% of the advocacy position plus allocated overhead, a laptop, and IT support

7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): project aligns with purpose and priority areas

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? YES/N/A (a self-certification)

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10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Sexual Assault Support Services of Southern Maine

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

**1. Organization Qualifications and Experience**

- Established in 1983, SASSMM is the sole provider of sexual violence services in the Midcoast region.
- Serves five counties (Eastern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo) and operates three Children's Advocacy Centers in Boothbay Harbor, Rockland, and Searsport.
- Member of MECASA and collaborates closely with all six other sexual assault support centers in Maine.
- Experienced in working with multidisciplinary teams (law enforcement, prosecutors, medical providers, corrections, CPS).
- Long history of advocacy, prevention education, and systems change work.

**2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?**

No

**3. Proposed Services**

a. Duration of Project - 11/1/2025 – 10/31/2026

b. Description of Project - Hire and support a dedicated Systems Advocate for Knox County (with backup coverage in Lincoln County).

Services include:

- Reviewing weekly PFA dockets and proactively contacting survivors.
- Court accompaniment for survivors in PFA cases.
- In-person accompaniment for forensic exams and law enforcement interviews.
- Facilitation of support groups in correctional facilities.
- Convening quarterly MDT meetings with law enforcement, prosecutors, medical providers, and corrections staff.
- Providing training on sexual violence, trauma, human trafficking, and related topics.

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

No

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

Yes – 100%

6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$80,000.
- Expenses include:
  - \$65,000 for salary and benefits of a full-time Systems Advocate.
  - \$6,100 for travel (mileage reimbursement).
  - \$300 for IT support.
  - \$7,246 in shared expenses (rent, utilities, insurance, software, etc.).
  - \$1,353 for program-specific expenses (supplies, training, laptop, background check).
- Budget appears appropriate and proportional to the scope of the project.

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #5 (developing/strengthening victim services) and #7 (supporting statewide multidisciplinary coordination).
- Maine Priority Areas: Coordinated Community Response / Multi-disciplinary Response; Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion.

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Agency data: In FY24, SASSMM served 777 clients with over 2,500 hours of direct service and nearly 2,875 unique sessions; almost half were child sexual abuse cases.
- Proposal is data-driven, citing gaps in Knox County systems advocacy (fewer PFAs secured, less consistent communication with law enforcement and courts).
- Clear and detailed goals, objectives, and activities tied to measurable outcomes.

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- Strong evaluation plan with both quantitative service data and qualitative feedback from survivors.
- Potential challenge: hiring and onboarding a new Systems Advocate may take time, but the timeline is adjusted for that (posting in Nov. 2025, onboarding Dec.–Jan. 2026).

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. SARC for midcoast region
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 11/1/25 – 10/31/26
  - b. Description of Project – systems advocated dedicated to CCR to SV in Knox County
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. no
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. Yes (100%)
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$80,000 – salary, benefits, travel, and other
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal 5 and 7
  - b. Maine Coordinated Community Response/Multi-disciplinary Response and Victim Service Maintenance and Expansion
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes
10. Other relevant information –

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Through These Doors

**DATE:** 8.25.25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Alicia Hunter

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** DHHS-OCFS

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: Cut/paste feature in this app didn't work, so notes will be very brief. Founded in 1977, only DV resource center in Cumberland County. Agency provides comprehensive DV services. All new staff are trained. Co-exec. directors have extensive experience in the field.
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? no
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 7/1/26-6/30/27 (does this align with their current award?)
  - b. Description of Project – Enhancing Safety and Reentry Services: Continue providing comprehensive victim advocacy services to justice involved survivors of abuse at 3 sites/facilities. Works with survivors both while incarcerated as well as while they're transitioning out into the community. The funds are to support the salary of the Safe Re-entry Advocate.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? yes
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? no
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$66,885 (all salary/fringe except \$3,644 which includes a small amount of travel \$720, but mostly re-entry supplies for victims/survivors, including cell phone minute cards and personal hygiene items)
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)

Federal: 5 and 7

Maine: 1 and 2
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Yes, although it looks like the MOU (with DOC) provided is missing some of the first few pages.

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10. Other relevant information: n/a

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Through These Doors

**DATE:** 8/22/2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Francine Stark

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

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience: TTD is the DVRC serving the project area with years of experience doing this particular type of project, gaining statewide and national recognition for their approach
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization? NO
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 7/1/26 – 6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project – Safety & Reentry Services

P – collaborative approach includes Maine Pre-trial, Adult Community Corrections, Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine, PTLA, Preble Street, Family Planning, and more...

P – uniquely located in proximity to Maine's only women's prison and associated reentry facility, TTD has a longstanding program with proven success in this work, including national recognition.
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project? YES

P – data showing previous year's grant funded services to 199 individuals through drop in centers and at facility; training for key community partners; support group facilitation; parenting groups; and collaboration with Maine Pretrial Services and Maine Dept. of Corrections
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault? NO
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses: \$66,885

P – basic salary/fringe w/ associated mileage, parking costs and supplies for programming
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s): project aligns with purpose and priority areas

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8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application? YES/N/A

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? N/A

P – MOU included with re-entry center and letter of ongoing collaboration from  
Maine Pretrial

10. Other relevant information

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**RFA #:** 202506089

**RFA TITLE:** 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

**APPLICANT NAME:** Through These Doors

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Jess Bedard

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience

- Established in 1977, Through These Doors is the sole provider of domestic violence services in Cumberland County.
- Member of MCEDV.
- Provides comprehensive, holistic services including access to a 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, transitional services, support and education groups, specialized support services for elders and victims of trafficking, and legal support.

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

No

3. Proposed Services

a. Duration of Project – 07/01/2026 – 6/30/2027

b. Description of Project – Retain the Safe Reentry Advocate (SRA)

Services include:

- Continue providing comprehensive, holistic victim advocacy services to justice involved survivors of abuse incarcerated at MCC and SMWRC.
- Support survivors during incarceration and after their release.
- Offers a variety of groups for incarcerated survivors.
- Engage in multi-disciplinary work with DOC to improve reentry experience for survivors.
- Provide reentry backpacks and other supplies critical for reentry.
- Connecting survivors with a range of strong community partnerships.

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

Yes

5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?

No

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6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses

- Federal request: \$66,885
- Expenses include:
  - \$62,521 for salary and benefits of a Safe Reentry Advocate.
  - \$720 for travel (mileage reimbursement + parking).
  - \$3,644 for reentry supplies and group supplies
- Budget is specific and focused on the project activities.

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

- Federal Purpose Areas: #5 (developing/strengthening victim services) and #7 (supporting statewide multidisciplinary coordination).
- Maine Priority Areas: 1 & 2

8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?

Yes

9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed?

N/A

10. Other relevant information

- Strong application that makes a compelling case for the impact of the portion of the project already funded. Demonstrates clear outcomes from current work.
- Makes a strong case for the need for incarceration-focused services and the connection between domestic violence victimization and incarceration.
- Record a story program shows innovation.

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**APPLICANT NAME:** Through These Doors

**DATE:** 8/27/25

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Shira Burns

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT or AGENCY:** MPA/OAG

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

1. Organization Qualifications and Experience
  - a. DVRC for Cumberland County
2. Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?
  - a. No
3. Proposed Services
  - a. Duration of Project – 7/1/26 to 6/30/27
  - b. Description of Project – advocate for direct services in MCC and SMWRC
4. Is this project a continuation of a previously funded project?
  - a. Yes, Enhancing Safety and Reentry Services – direct services to women at MCC and SMWRC
5. Does this project meaningfully address Sexual Assault?
  - a. NO
6. Budget – Anticipated grant related expenses
  - a. \$66,885 – funds one advocate
7. Federal purpose area (s) and Maine's Priority Area (s)
  - a. Federal 5 and 7
  - b. State 1 and 2
8. Was the Out-of-Scope Certification signed and included with application?
  - a. Yes
9. Is a Consultation/Collaboration Form provided, if needed? Maine Pre Trial
10. Other relevant information



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I, Derek Gorneau 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.

Neither I nor any member of my immediate family have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in the bidders whose proposals I will be reviewing. "Interest" may include, but is not limited to: current or former ownership in the bidder's company; current or former Board membership; current or former employment with the bidder; current or former personal contractual relationship with the bidder (example: paid consultant); and/or current or former relationship to a bidder's official which could reasonably be construed to constitute a conflict of interest (personal relationships may be perceived by the public as a potential conflict of interest).

I have not advised, consulted with or assisted any bidder in the preparation of any proposal submitted in response to this RFP nor have I submitted a letter of support or similar endorsement.

I understand and agree that the evaluation process is to be conducted in an impartial manner without bias or prejudice. In this regard, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no circumstances that would reasonably support a good faith charge of bias. I further understand that in the event a good faith charge of bias is made, it will rest with me to decide whether I should be disqualified from participation in the evaluation process.

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*Derek A Gorneau*

Signature

9/2/25

Date



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I, Scott Pelletier accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Public Safety (MDEA) 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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Signature

A handwritten date '9-2-2025' in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date



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I, Donna Strickler \_\_\_\_\_ 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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Donna Strickler

8/20/25

Signature

Date



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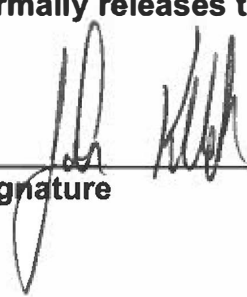
I, John Kilbride accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of the Falmouth Police Department. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection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

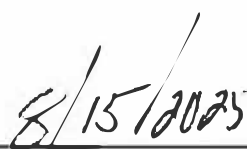
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I, Alicia Hunter, accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Public Safety. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation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

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I, Francine Stark, 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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8/14/2025

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I, (print name at right) Jess Bedard

\_\_\_\_\_ accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of (enter Department). 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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Signature

8/27/2025

Date



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I, Shira Burns accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Office of the Attorney General. 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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