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			<p>be translated into an electronic “app”, which will be accessible via smartphone, tablet, or laptops. This will ensure that, unlike the current brochure format, first responders are able to access the guidelines and local victim services in real time.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to update and expand the availability of first responder to sexual assault guidelines for law enforcement across Maine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-03-17 \$ 1,002.85</p>
Discretionary LE-07-16	Prosecutorial District V (Piscataquis County District Attorney's Office)	<p>Scott Arno 159 East Main St. Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426 Website: https://www.piscataquis.us/district-attorney</p>	<p>The Piscataquis County District Attorney's Office will use the STOP funds to retain a District Attorney Domestic Violence Investigator (DVI) and a Sexual Assault Investigator (SAI) for the 2017 calendar year. The DVI position will be expanded to a full-time position working on violent crimes against women in Piscataquis County. The SAI position will remain a part-time position. The District Attorney may assign some cases individually to the investigators or assign cases to be worked jointly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-07-16 \$ 63,475.00</p>
Discretionary VS-13-16	Waldo County General Hospital	<p>Deborah Schilder Regional Director Grants and Foundation Relations for WCGH and Pen Bay Medical Center 22 White Street Rockland, ME 04841 Website: https://mainehealth.org/waldo-county-general-hospital</p>	<p>This initiative will increase access and quality of care for patients seeking medical/forensic care after suffering sexual or domestic violence in Waldo, Knox and Lincoln counties by supporting the development and implementation of the Midcoast Region Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program. WCGH, PBMC and LH are working together to implement a comprehensive, quality, regional SAFE program to provide patients with access to state-certified SAFEs for medical/forensic care, 24 hours per day and seven days per week.</p> <p>The primary mission of the Midcoast Region SAFE program is to meet the needs of sexual and domestic assault victims through the provision of immediate, compassionate, culturally sensitive, and comprehensive medical/forensic care and treatment by educated and trained, professional nurse experts in accordance with Maine State SAFE Program requirements and National SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) standards.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-13-16 \$ 32,237.43</p>

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Discretionary VS-14-16	Hope and Justice Project	Patricia Smith, Executive Director PO Box 148. Presque Isle. ME 04769-0148 Website: http://www.hopeandjusticeproject.org/	<p>The Hope and Justice Project (HJP) seeks to do its part to implement recommendations from the Maine Council on Aging's "Blueprint for Action on Aging" in Aroostook County. In particular, to build connections between first responders and community organizations; to initiate and expand wellness checks; and to build stronger collaborative referral systems. HJP has a robust system of crisis intervention, support, safety planning, shelter, and legal services, but if older and/or disabled adults who need these services do not know about them or are not able to access them, they will do them no good. Further, if HJP is not working closely with key community partners, its efforts would serve to dilute rather than enhance efforts already in place.</p> <p>This proposal would fund HJP to work with the various agencies involved with services for elder and disabled adults in Aroostook in order to coordinate efforts across disciplines and distances to better recognize the abuse and exploitation of elder and disabled adults, improve safety planning, and increase accountability for perpetrators of these crimes. It would build on a newly established program (funded by STOP Grants from 2012-2015) to improve delivery of advocacy services to the underserved victims of these crimes in rural Aroostook County, through which advocates accompany police officers on 48-hour follow-up visits to victims as part of a coordinated response to assess risk and enhance safety planning. This grant would expand this program to include elder victims of abuse and include visits regarding suspected abuse, reaching out to individuals who are considered "at risk" by law enforcement or the Agency on Aging.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-14-16 \$ 29,842.00</p>
Law Enforcement LE-01-16	Cumberland County Sheriff's Office	Captain Craig Smith, Support Services Division 36 County Way Portland, ME 04101 Website: http://cumberlandso.org/35/Support-Services-Division	<p>The Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration First Responder Program will build upon the existing partnerships that Family Crisis Services (FCS) has created Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Brunswick Police Department, Gorham Police Department, South Portland Police Department and Yarmouth Police Department and extend services to fire and rescue departments across Cumberland County. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has agreed to manage the grant and provide oversight to Family Crisis Services in the work that will be performed in the EPIC First Responder Program.</p> <p>The goals of this program are: increase first responders' referrals to Family Crisis Services for victim support services; maximize impact and develop consistency with five law enforcement high risk case review teams and one</p>

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			<p>county-wide multi-disciplinary high risk response team; offer multiple trainings to help identify and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking and/or strangulation cases; and improve officer involved domestic violence cases through the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-01-16 \$ 57,269.91</p>
<p>Law Enforcement LE-03-16</p>	<p>York Police Department</p>	<p>Captain Charles L Szeniawski 36 Main Street York ME 03909 Website: http://www.yorkpolice.org/163/Public-Safety</p>	<p>The York Police Department is requesting funding to combat the devastating effects that domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence has on victims. It is our goal to secure funding for our Domestic Violence Investigator (DVI) and Bail Check/Protection Order positions. This is a two-prong approach to immediately address the needs of victims and to develop the strongest prosecutable cases. The main objective of this program will be to give each domestic violence case the specialized attention it deserves. The Case Coordinator will oversee the program by assigning an investigator to a domestic violence case within twelve hours after it happens. The DVI will be responsible for contacting with the victim within those twelve hours. The DVI will take over the responsibility of the case to bridge the gap that currently exists between the police and domestic violence victims. Assigning a DVI to a case ensures continuity, trust, and safety for the victim. It allows for a more thorough investigation from start to finish by one investigator with personal contact with the District Attorney's office, Victim Advocates Services, and Caring Unlimited.</p> <p>Secondly, the case coordinator will also assign an officer on a weekly basis to conduct various bail and protection order checks to ensure the safety of our victims and to ensure there is no tampering of the victims.</p> <p>The York Police Department will also be asking for funding for a multi-agency training for our DV Investigators. The training will involve the York County Superior Court Judges, the York County District Attorney's Office and Caring Unlimited. The hope is to get input from the Judges on how to better prosecute cases and how to better investigate these cases.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-03-16 \$ 21,644.79</p>
<p>Law Enforcement LE-03-17</p>	<p>Maine Coalition against Sexual</p>	<p>Destie Hohman Sprague, Associate Director 45 Memorial Circle</p>	<p>Since the first Law Enforcement First Responder Guidelines to Adult and Adolescent Sexual Assault were developed in 2009, local police departments have responded positively to having this resource to support consistent</p>

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	Assault (MECASA)	Suite 302. Augusta ME 04330 Website: http://www.mecasa.org/	<p>response to sexual assaults. However, the guidelines have not been reviewed or updated in the past eight years. This project will create an opportunity for all stakeholders to review the existing guidelines and to ensure that they are still up to date and relevant for Maine's law enforcement officers. The written brochure, which is how the guidelines are accessed currently was the best option for distribution at the time they were first developed. The development and broad use of electronic applications led to a request by local police departments engaged in Sexual Assault Response Teams that the guidelines be translated into an electronic "app", which will be accessible via smartphone, tablet, or laptops. This will ensure that, unlike the current brochure format, first responders are able to access the guidelines and local victim services in real time.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to update and expand the availability of first responder to sexual assault guidelines for law enforcement across Maine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-03-17 \$ 5,331.15</p>
Law Enforcement LE-04-16	Waldo County Sheriff's Department	Jeffrey Trafton, Waldo County High Sheriff 6 Public Safety Way Belfast, Maine 04915 Website: http://waldocountyme.gov/ws o/	<p>Waldo County Sheriff's Office proposes to hire a full-time DV Detective who will be responsible for coordinating law enforcement personnel, victim services, media outlets, community resources and similar entities to ensure a consistent and effective response to domestic violence is employed throughout Waldo County. The DV Detective will be directly responsible to the Patrol Lieutenant at Waldo County Sheriff's Office. Securing a DV Detective in Waldo County will align with other Sheriff Offices in the Midcoast region (Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc counties) who have a similar position to investigate all cases involving domestic violence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-04-16 \$ 86,269.00</p>
Law Enforcement LE-05-16	Aroostook County Sheriff's Office	Captain Ross McQuade 25 School Street Suite 216 Houlton, ME 04730	<p>The project would provide continued yet partial funding for one full time detective for the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office. The detective would be assigned to domestic violence/sexual assault related incidents. Anticipated duties for the coming year include assisting other agencies in furtherance of case building, victim safety and offender accountability. Training in the implementation and use of the ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment) as mandated by the Maine State Legislature will be of high priority to the Aroostook County Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and consequently the Domestic Violence Detective. Efforts</p>

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			<p>will also be directed towards identifying High Risk Offenders and focusing on methods to reduce and ultimately eliminate repeated Domestic Violence Assault.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-05-16 \$ 35,679.00</p>
Law Enforcement LE-06-16	Maine Coalition against Sexual Assault (MECASA)	<p>Destie Hohman Sprague, Associate Director 45 Memorial Circle Suite 302. Augusta ME 04330 Website: http://www.mecasa.org/</p>	<p>Utilizing the statewide First Responder Guidelines for Adult and Adolescent Sexual Assault and the currently approved MCJA BPT curriculum as our guides we will develop three to four short video modules to be incorporated into training for law enforcement at the statewide and local level. We will work with a videographer with expertise in developing documentary training videos in the anti-violence field to conduct short videotaped interviews with law enforcement officers from across different regions, ranks, and roles, to bring as many different perspectives as possible and the wisdom of years to trainees.</p> <p>The modules will include, but not be limited to, the following topics: first response to sexual assault; investigating sexual assault; working with victim advocates and other systems; and specialized populations such as incarcerated victims and the Prison Rape Elimination Act.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-06-16 \$ 16,417.66</p>
Law Enforcement LE-06-17	Lewiston Police Department	<p>Detective Sergeant Roger Landry 171 Park St Lewiston ME 04240 Website: http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/index.aspx?nid=141</p>	<p>The Lewiston Police Department is requesting grant funds to continue the Proactive Response Team (PRT), modeled after other successful programs nationwide. The Proactive Response Team typically consists of two sworn officers, in addition to the DVC, with the goal of following up with 350 Victims in a 12-month period. The PRT works to connect victims with existing community resources and support systems such as Safe Voices, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, and the Department of Health and Human Services to help them break away from their abusers. PRT Officers will speak with the victim(s) to determine if violations of court orders have occurred. Neighbors are instructed on how to report and encouraged to do so immediately if a violation is occurring. If a violation is determined to have occurred, the abuser(s) will be arrested in a timely manner and brought before the court.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LE-06-17 \$ 12,058.59</p>

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Prosecution PR-01-16	Prosecutorial District I, York County District Attorney's Office	Pamela A. Roberts, Victim Witness Program Director 45 Kennebunk Road Alfred, Maine 04002 Website: http://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/district-attorney	This project will continue funding the salary and fringe benefits for one full time (37.5 hour) Victim Witness Advocate position (1/2 salary and fringe for two VWAs) so that victims of violent crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault receive full criminal justice prosecutorial services in the York County Courts. Underserved victims will receive all services. This proposal requests STOP funding to be used entirely for salary and fringe benefits for Victim Witness Advocacy services <p style="text-align: right;">PR-01-16 \$ 22,719.13</p>
Prosecution PR-01-17	Prosecutorial District IV, Kennebec and Somerset Counties District Attorney's Office	Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney 95 State Street Augusta, Maine 04330 Website: https://www.kennebecda.com/	The District Attorney's Office of Prosecutorial District IV is requesting grant funding from Prosecution Funds to fund a Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence ("SADV") Prosecutor as well as a SADV Investigator. Together, these two specialized positions will not only be the experts on prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault crimes, but they will be the experts on prioritizing victims' safety and navigating the complexities of domestic violence and sexual assault all the way from the private sphere of the home into the public sphere of the criminal justice system. <p style="text-align: right;">PR-01-17 \$ 96,584.96</p>
Prosecution PR-02-16	Prosecutorial District I, York County District Attorney's Office	Justina McGettigan Deputy District Attorney 45 Kennebunk Road Alfred, Maine 04002 Website: http://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/district-attorney	During the term of the grant the York County District Attorney's Office will have the STOP grant funded prosecutor handle the assault, stalking, bail violations, protective order violations and sexual assault cases in which domestic violence is present from the Maine State Police, the York County Sheriff's Office, and the police departments of Berwick, York, and Old Orchard Beach. The overarching goal will be to maintain the core mission of holding offenders accountable through effective court work and collaborative trainings. It will be important to build on the successes of the previous STOP grant and work to meet the goals that were not achieved. The six goals to be achieved during the 2016-2017 STOP grant are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with the police from the start of the investigation; 2. Work with victim advocates, victim services and victims to craft better bail arguments that suit the individual circumstances of the victim; 3. Offer continuing training to the police departments and sheriff's office both individually and through the District One Training Council on the topics of domestic violence, strangulation prevention, E911 training, and best practices for sexual assault investigations;

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			<p>4. Continue to maintain a strong courtroom presence by arguing for bail that addresses victim safety concerns and the preserves the integrity of the process and by having regular jury trials;</p> <p>5. Assist York County's proactive response teams;</p> <p>6. Continue collaborative multi-disciplinary work with police and local social service agencies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PR-02-16 \$ 4,669.12</p>
Prosecution PR-03-16	Prosecutorial District IV, Kennebec and Somerset Counties District Attorney's Office	Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney 95 State Street Augusta, Maine 04330 Website: https://www.kennebecda.com/	<p>The District Attorney's Office of Prosecutorial District IV is requesting grant funding from Prosecution Funds to fund a Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence ("SADV") Prosecutor as well as a SADV Investigator. Together, these two specialized positions will not only be the experts on prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault crimes, but they will be the experts on prioritizing victims' safety and navigating the complexities of domestic violence and sexual assault all the way from the private sphere of the home into the public sphere of the criminal justice system.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PR-03-16 \$ 32,156.17</p>
Prosecution PR-03-17	Prosecutorial District I, York County District Attorney's Office	Pamela A. Roberts, Victim Witness Program Director 45 Kennebunk Road Alfred, Maine 04002 Website: http://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/district-attorney	<p>This project will continue funding the salary and fringe benefits for one full time (37.5 hour) Victim Witness Advocate position (1/2 salary and fringe for two VWAs) so that victims of violent crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault receive full criminal justice prosecutorial services in the York County Courts. Underserved victims will receive all services. This proposal requests STOP funding to be used entirely for salary and fringe benefits for Victim Witness Advocacy services</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PR-03-17 \$ 22,659.72</p>
Prosecution PR-04-16	Prosecutorial District II, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office (on behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association)	Cindy Wurpel, Director. Maine DA Technical Services 295 Water Street Augusta, Maine 04330 Website: http://www.cumberlandcounty.org/184/District-Attorney	<p>This application is made on behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association. Collaborative project of the MPA, (Maine Prosecutors Association) MeDATS, (Maine Data Technical Services), MCEDV (Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence) and MECASA (Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault). All of the District Attorney's offices in Maine use the Justware case management software. This means we all have the functionality to track and report data in a consistent way regarding crimes and dispositions related to domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other violent crimes. But due to inconsistent business policies and practices, inadequate training, lack of</p>

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			<p>identifiable and standardized case flags, coding and data entry, it is not possible to readily compile, understand and report what is occurring with the investigation and prosecution of these cases. This project, called PAIRS (Practices Assessment and Implementation of Reporting Standards), is designed to solve this problem. We intend to hire a Business Systems Analyst who will examine the business practices of the various District Attorney Offices, identify core data elements that need to be tracked, and establish uniform ways to track data across the state, make recommendations for system modifications, design end reports, and provide end user training. When completed, the databases of all of the Maine District Attorneys' Offices will contain uniform coding, and standardized and easily digestible reports that will be generated at the end of each data year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PR-04-16 \$ 68,881.00</p>
Victim Services VS-01-16	Caring Unlimited Inc.	Cynthia Peoples, Executive Director 965 Main St. Sanford ME 04073 Website: http://www.caring-unlimited.org/	<p>Caring Unlimited seeks VAWA STOP Formula Grant funds to help ensure that up to 600 low-income and rural victims of abuse in York County can get the legal help they need to establish safety from their abuser during the coming year.</p> <p>Legal services will be provided by an experienced legal team that includes two full-time attorneys paired with two lay court advocates to serve victims at each of the county's four courthouses. This highly experienced legal team will allow victims of abuse to continue to turn to one resource, their local domestic violence victim services provider, to obtain assistance with the full-range of safety planning and support services needed to become safe from future abuse. This approach is consistent with recommendations of the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence. Program services focus on protection from abuse, divorce and child custody actions, which continue to be identified by victim advocates throughout Maine and nationwide as the matters of most urgent need for the people they serve to establish safety from intimate violence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-01-16 \$ 36,568.00</p>
Victim Services VS-01-17	Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA)	Destie Hohman Sprague, Associate Director 45 Memorial Circle, Suite 302 Augusta, Maine 04330	<p>This proposal will expand the Human Trafficking two-core training and education curricula offered in Maine. The "Human Trafficking in Maine" training for service providers and law enforcement is always delivered in partnership with co-trainers representing at least two disciplines or two</p>

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		Website: http://www.mecasa.org/	<p>agencies and focuses on identification and response; and the My Life My Choice education program, for young people (ages 15-24) who are experiencing or at risk for trafficking or exploitation, which is co-facilitated by a survivor whenever possible.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to enhance and expand the availability of these training opportunities throughout Maine, and a key part of that effort is to ensure the inclusion of survivors as trainers and facilitators, who are rarely compensated for the leadership, wisdom and expertise they bring to this issue.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-01-17 \$ 7,841.00</p>
Victim Services VS-03-16	Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)	Margaret Steward, Manager of Advocacy and Volunteer Services 175 Lancaster St Suite 217 A Portland Maine 04101 Website: http://www.sarsonline.org/	<p>This project would fund two 30-hour (1.SFTE total) direct service advocate positions to respond to the statewide sexual assault crisis and support hotline during normal business hours, as well as to pilot the expansion of crisis and support line services to text and online chat platforms.</p> <p>The project we propose is an innovative approach to crisis and support line services for Maine. It will be an opportunity to develop shared staff and systems for this direct service work across our statewide partnership of providers, to maximize resources, efficiency, and accessibility. Our overall goals are to increase stability of our crisis and support line services by hiring dedicated support line staff; and to increase the accessibility of those services by expanding the platforms through which the service can be accessed. Both goals are squarely in line with the state and federal funding source priorities of continuing to deliver core victim services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-03-16 \$ 68,551.00</p>
Victim Services VS-04-16	Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)	Julia Davidson, SART Program Manager 175 Lancaster St Suite 217 A Portland Maine 04101 Website: http://www.sarsonline.org/	<p>The project we propose is to employ one full time Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Advocate. This position will build, coordinate, and enhance relationships with individuals and organizations across various systems that respond to sexual violence - law enforcement, prosecution, civil legal systems, health care, education, and more - as well as to provide advocacy and accompaniment to survivors as they move through these systems. As a result of this project, we anticipate the following outcomes: at least 300 hours of accompaniment direct service time will be delivered; 90 percent of clients will report that, as a result of the services they received, they have a plan to address their particular situation; and 80 percent of multi-disciplinary partners</p>

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Victim Services VS-01-16	Caring Unlimited Inc.	<p>Cynthia Peoples, Executive Director 965 Main St. Sanford ME 04073 Website: http://www.caring-unlimited.org/</p>	<p>Caring Unlimited seeks VAWA STOP Formula Grant funds to help ensure that up to 600 low-income and rural victims of abuse in York County can get the legal help they need to establish safety from their abuser during the coming year.</p> <p>Legal services will be provided by an experienced legal team that includes two full-time attorneys paired with two lay court advocates to serve victims at each of the county's four courthouses. This highly experienced legal team will allow victims of abuse to continue to turn to one resource, their local domestic violence victim services provider, to obtain assistance with the full-range of safety planning and support services needed to become safe from future abuse. This approach is consistent with recommendations of the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence. Program services focus on protection from abuse, divorce and child custody actions, which continue to be identified by victim advocates throughout Maine and nationwide as the matters of most urgent need for the people they serve to establish safety from intimate violence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-04-17 \$ 10,349.15</p>
Victim Services VS-05-16	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services (SAPARS)	<p>Jamie Demers, Outreach Coordinator P.O. Box 6. Auburn ME 04212-0006 Website: http://sapars.org/</p>	<p>Creating Connections 2017 continues and expands our outreach services to victims of sexual assault who have mental retardation/developmental disabilities, people who are elderly, Somali people, people who identify as LGBTQ, people who are homeless, people who are serving or have served in the military, and people who have a mental health diagnosis. The project designs and delivers appropriate and culturally specific services to meet the needs of people within those underserved populations and improves system response to disclosure of sexual assault by victims from those populations by providing training to medical, law enforcement and social service responders. This project will serve people within Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin Counties (the latter two which are very rural and generally underserved).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-05-16 \$ 20,000.00</p>

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Victim Services VS-06-16	Safe Voices	Rebecca Austin, Director of Advocacy 484 Main Street Lewiston ME 04240 Website: http://www.safevoices.org/	<p>With the support of the STOP grant funds we would be able to have a full time advocate dedicated to working with victims of domestic violence in rural underserved Franklin County. The advocate would provide an unduplicated wide range of crucial, client centered trauma informed services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking and dating violence that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual support and advocacy for safety planning, along with problem solving and goal setting working towards attaining self-sufficiency; • Transportation and support in accessing emergency shelter, with an emphasis on troubleshooting challenges arisen with relocation in rural areas; • Court advocacy that includes assistance with pro-se Protection from Abuse and Protection for Harassment orders, support for victims/witnesses during superior court proceeding involving domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, human trafficking as well as, support during Family Matters cases involving domestic violence; • Support group facilitation; • Assistance with emergency food and individualized resource plan to address ongoing needs such as housing, employment, education, etc. • Collaboration and facilitation of the county wide response to domestic violence through the Franklin County Domestic Violence Task Force, High Risk Response Team initiatives, and other community wide collaborations. <p style="text-align: right;">VS-06-16 \$ 35,350.01</p>
Victim Services VS-07-06	United Somali Women of Maine (Immigrant Resource Center of Maine)	Fatuma Hussein, Executive Director P O Box 397 265 Lisbon Street Suite 2 Lewiston ME 04243 Website: http://www.ircofmaine.org/	<p>United Somali Women of Maine (USWM) requests funding for two .5 FTE Advocates (one in Portland & One in Lewiston), one .125 FTE Program Administrator, one .5 FTE Systems Liaison. USWM is a refugee-led organization initially formed in 2001 to respond to a significant influx of Somali refugees and secondary migrants. In contrast to long-standing "host" agencies, USWM is led and staffed by its stakeholders; its programs are created through community participation. This program will continue to build a network of services specific to refugee and immigrant victims which will help them find their voices, become self-sufficient, raise healthy families, and be SAFE.</p> <p>The project will build on existing collaborations to address domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence in the New Mainers community by providing culturally and linguistically specific services and addressing the</p>

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			<p>unique barriers they face. In addition, the project seeks to continue to work with and educate the broader community about the needs of New Mainers by building more solid bridges between social services, faith based organizations and the criminal and civil justice systems and the New Mainers community.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-07-16 \$ 45,066.00</p>
Victim Services VS-08-16	Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA)	<p>Destie Hohman Sprague, Associate Director 45 Memorial Circle, Suite 302 Augusta, Maine 04330 Website: http://www.mecasa.org/</p>	<p>Though the local anti-trafficking multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) have been supported by local sexual assault centers since their inception, this is an effort which requires increased time and resources as awareness of this issue has grown. What was once convening a community meeting is now also coordinating training teams, receiving ongoing training, drafting protocols, sitting on the Maine STEN Provider Council, maintaining participant contacts, facilitating monthly meetings, agenda setting and case reviews.</p> <p>This project seeks to fund each of the Maine anti-trafficking MDTs for dedicated staff time to cover these essential projects, without taking away from the core direct services provided by the local sexual assault support centers. The five sexual assault support centers funded under this contract include Sexual Assault Support Services of Southern Maine (facilitating York County Anti-Trafficking Coalition (YCAT) and the Greater Portland Coalition Against Sex Trafficking and Exploitation (GPCASTE)); Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (facilitating the emerging Midcoast Anti-Trafficking Team); Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services (facilitating the Lewiston/Auburn Anti-Trafficking Collaborative); Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Services (facilitating Kennebec-Somerson Coalition Against Sex Trafficking and Exploitation (KenSomCASTE)); and Rape Response Services (facilitating Penquis Sex Trafficking Action Response Team (START)).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-08-16 \$ 14,968.72</p>
Victim Services VS-09-16	Family Violence Project	<p>Melody Fitch, Executive Director PO Box 304 83 Western Avenue Augusta, ME 04330 Website:</p>	<p>Family Violence Project (FVP) is requesting STOP grant funding to continue funding and to build upon the successes of the Domestic Violence Homeless Victim Advocacy Initiative. In collaboration with Kennebec County's two homeless shelter programs, Bread of Life Ministries (Augusta) and Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter (Waterville), FVP has demonstrated improved access to domestic violence advocacy for homeless residents who identify as victims of violence and abuse. The advocate who will continue with this work is also a</p>

FY 2016 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program Summary

Total Federal Award: \$ 1,100,756.00

The following grants were awarded under this program

Award period: July 01, 2015 to June 30, 2017

Allocation Category	Agency	Contact	Purpose
		http://www.familyviolenceproject.org/	<p>seasoned lay court advocate. Through this initiative, she has increased her presence at the District Courts in Kennebec County and meets regularly with victims of violence seeking orders for protection, in addition to other duties of the project. FVP shelter-based advocacy is enhanced with increased staff presence on site at our domestic violence shelter, particularly during evening hours and through coverage on our 24-hour helpline. STOP Violence Against Women Grant funds have enabled our organization to develop and strengthen linkages for victims of domestic violence. With the continuation of this grant funded project, we will add a third community homeless provider partner organization: New Beginnings, Youth Transitional Housing, Community Living Program, which serves older youth, ages 18-21 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-09-16 \$ 17,240.24</p>
Funds not awarded			\$ 0.00