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**LEPC Announces Funding Opportunities for Federal Violence Against Women STOP Formula Grants (VAWA)**

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** - The Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) is pleased to announce it is accepting proposals **effective Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and closing on Friday, May 8, 2026**, for **FY 2023** federal Violence Against Women STOP Formula Grants.

LEPC, with funding through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, makes available VAWA Formula Grants to private non-profit organizations Virgin Islands government agencies (local court, law enforcement and prosecution) for programs designed to provide direct services to in response to violent crimes against women, including crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

VAWA funds will be awarded to support direct services for victims of violent crimes against women, including but not limited to, crisis intervention services, counselling and therapy, emergency services, court related services, training, data collection, salaries and benefits for law enforcement officers dedicated to the domestic violence unit, and salaries and benefits for a prosecutor dedicated to the prosecution of domestic violence or sexual assault cases. Programs should seek to implement comprehensive strategies to address violence against women which are sensitive to the needs and safety of the victims and hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women requires each state and territory to distribute their funds in the following manner: **30% for victims services (of which at least 10% must be to culturally specific community based organizations), 25% to law enforcement, 25% to prosecution, 5% to state and local courts, with the remaining 15% allocated as discretionary programs.** Fundings is based on a statutory formula established by the U.S. Department of Justice.

All awards are subject to the availability of funds. LEPC as the State Administering Agency, reserves the right to award as many subgrants and determine appropriate funding levels as it deems necessary. Non-profit organizations applying must include the following documents in their application package:

- A valid Unique Entity ID (UEI) number
- Registration on SAM.gov
- Certificate of Incorporation
- IRS Determination Letter regarding 501(c)3 status.
- Articles of Incorporation
- A current Certificate of Good Standing from the Lt. Governor's Office.

Failure to submit all documents by the scheduled deadline will result in disqualification for funding. Each grant application must be received by LEPC electronically, at [rfp.response@lepc.vi.gov](mailto:rfp.response@lepc.vi.gov), by **no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, May 8, 2026.**

For an application or more information, please contact Ms. Carmen Potter, Executive Assistant to the Director, via email at [carmen.potter@lepc.vi.gov](mailto:carmen.potter@lepc.vi.gov).

LEPC is committed to supporting criminal justice initiatives and projects through collaboration, advise, strategic planning and resources that promote safe communities in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

***Supporting programs, serving our communities... Making a difference!***