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MEMORANDUM

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To: Prospective Sexual Assault Services Program – Culturally Specific Applicants

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Subject: Notice of Availability of Funds –Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2015
Sexual Assault Services Program – Culturally Specific

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Division of Prevention and Health Promotion, Bureau of Healthy Ohio (BHO) announces the availability of grant funds to provide three programs through the Sexual Assault Services Program. Funds will be available to provide direct services for survivors of sexual assault in Asian American, Black, and/or Hispanic communities.

To obtain a grant application packet:

1. Go to the ODH website at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/>
2. From the home page, click on “Funding Opportunities”;
3. From the next page, click on “ODH Grants”;
4. Next click “Grant Request for Proposals,” this will give you a pull down menu with current RFPs by name; and
5. Select and highlight the Sexual Assault Services Program – Culturally Specific RFP and click “Submit.” This process invokes Adobe Acrobat and displays the entire RFP. You can either read and/or print the document as desired.

In the application packet you will find:

1. Request for Proposals (RFP) – This document outlines detailed information about the background, intent and scope of the grant, policy, procedures, performance expectations, and general information and requirements associated with the administration of the grant.
2. *Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding (NOIAF)* form – The purpose of this document is to ascertain your intent to apply for available grant funds. Please note: The NOIAF must be submitted no later than Monday, June 2, 2014, which is the date to be eligible for these funds. NOIAF’s not received by the due date will not be accepted.

When you have accessed the application packet:

1. Review the RFP to determine your organization's ability to meet the requirements of the grant and your intent to apply.
2. If after reviewing the RFP you wish to submit an application for the grant, complete the *Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding* form in the application packet. Fax or e-mail it to ODH, per the listed instructions and by the indicated due date of June 2, 2014. The *Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding* form is mandatory, if you intend to apply for the grant.

Upon receipt of your completed *Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding* form, ODH will:

1. Create a grant application project number for your organization. This project number will allow you to submit an application via the Internet using the Grants Management Information System (GMIS 2.0). All grant applications must be submitted via the Internet using GMIS 2.0.
2. ODH will assess your organization's GMIS 2.0 training needs (as indicated on the completed *Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding* form) and contact you regarding those needs. GMIS 2.0 training is mandatory if your organization has never been trained on GMIS 2.0.

Once ODH receives your completed *Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding* form, creates the project number for your organization and finalizes all GMIS 2.0 training requirements, you may proceed with the application process as outlined in the RFP.

All potential applicants are encouraged to participate in a Bidders Conference that will be held via webinar on May 22, 2014 from 10 am – 12 noon. Information to access the call will be sent to anyone who has submitted an NOAIF by that date. The Bidders Conference will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn more about the RFP and to ask clarifying questions. Please contact Debra Seltzer at (614) 728-2176 or by email at debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov to register.

All applications and attachments are due Monday June 30, 2014. Electronic applications received after Monday, June 30, 2014 will not be considered for funding. Faxed, hand-delivered or mailed applications will not be accepted.

All grant applications must be submitted via the Internet, using GMIS 2.0. All organizations are required to attend GMIS 2.0 training. **If your organization has not been trained, complete and return the GMIS 2.0 training form by Monday, June 2, 2014.**

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact Debra Seltzer at (614) 728-2176 or by email at debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov



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Prevention and Health Promotion

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Healthy Ohio

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program
Sexual Assault Services Program – Culturally Specific

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

FOR

FISCAL YEAR 2015

(10/01/14 – 12/31/2105)

Local Public Applicant Agencies

Non-Profit Applicants

COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Revised 01/07/14

For grant starts 07/01/2014 and thereafter

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I. APPLICATION SUMMARY and GUIDANCE

An application for an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) grant consists of a number of required parts – an electronic component submitted via the Internet website “ODH Application Gateway” and various paper forms and attachments. All the required parts of a specific application must be completed and submitted by the application due date. **Any required part that is not submitted by the due date indicated in sections D and G will result in the entire application not being considered for review.**

The application summary information is provided to assist your agency in identifying funding criteria:

A. Policy and Procedure: Uniform administration of all the ODH grants is governed by the ODH Grants Administration Policies and Procedures (GAPP) manual. This manual must be followed to ensure adherence to the rules, regulations and procedures for preparation of all subgrantee applications. The GAPP manual is available on the ODH website <http://www.odh.ohio.gov>. (Click on Our Programs, Funding Opportunities, ODH Funding Opportunities, ODH Grants). Please refer to Policy and Procedure updates found on the GMIS bulletin board.

B. Application Name: Sexual Assault Services Program – Culturally Specific (SASP-CS)

C. Purpose: The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), 42 U.S.C. §14043g, and is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. Funds provided through the SASP Formula Grant Program are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault on the state level.

Survivors of sexual assault from culturally specific communities frequently confront unique and additional challenges, such as linguistic and cultural barriers, when seeking assistance. In order to provide the most appropriate services to such victims, the Sexual Assault Services program-Culturally Specific grants (hereinafter referred to as SASP-CS) are available to non-profit organizations that focus primarily on culturally specific communities and have experience in the area of sexual assault or who partner with an organization having such experience. The goals of the SASP-CS grants is to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims from culturally specific populations

SASP-CS funds shall be used to provide grants to non-profit organizations that focus

primarily on culturally specific communities, including faith-based, Tribal, and other community organizations, for programs and activities that provide direct intervention and related assistance. Intervention and related assistance may include:

- 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral;
- Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police and court proceedings;
- Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members;
- Information and referral to assist the sexual assault victim and family or household members;
- Community-based, linguistically and culturally specific services and support mechanisms including outreach activities for underserved communities; and
- The development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described in the previous bullets.

D. Qualified Applicants: All applicants must be a non-profit agency, for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to one or more of the following racial and ethnic communities: Asian Americans, African American and/or Black, and/or Hispanics.¹

Additionally, the applicant organization must meet the following requirements:

- Have an advisory board or steering committee and staffing which is reflective of the culturally specific community to be served by the project. NOTE: For the review process, the extent to which the organization has an advisory board or steering committee and staffing that is reflective of the identified specific community will be based on demonstration that members of the advisory board, steering committee and staff include members with knowledge or experience relevant to the identified community. If federal funds are used for filling any of these positions, organizations may consider an applicant's knowledge or experience relevant to the identified community, as well as language skills needed to work with a particular population, but organizations may not consider a person's race and/or ethnicity as a basis for hiring decisions.
- Have documented organizational experience in the area of sexual assault intervention or have entered into a partnership with an organization having such experience; and,
- Have the expertise in the development of community-based, linguistically and culturally specific outreach and intervention services relevant for the specific communities to which assistance would be provided or have the capacity to link to existing services in the community tailored to the needs of culturally specific populations. As defined in the Violence Against Women Act, 42 U.S.C. §13925(a)(7), "culturally specific services" means "community-based services that include culturally relevant and linguistically specific services and resources to

¹ The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 defines "culturally specific" as "primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707 (g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 13925(a)(6)). Section 300u-6(g)(1) defines the term "racial and ethnic minority group" to mean "American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimo, and Aleuts); Asian Americans; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks; and Hispanics." Based on census data in Ohio these groups were further narrowed to the three groups most represented in the Ohio population.

culturally specific communities.”

Note: If the culturally specific program is one division within a larger organization with other focuses (for example, a division within a sexual assault organization that focuses on Hispanic victims) the organization is not eligible.

Applicant agencies must attend or document in writing prior attendance at Grants Management Information System 2.0 (GMIS) training and must have the capacity to accept an electronic funds transfer (EFT).

The following criteria must be met for grant applications to be eligible for review:

1. Applicant does not owe funds in excess of \$1,000 to the ODH.
2. Applicant is not certified to the Attorney General’s (AG’s) office.
3. Applicant has submitted application and all required attachments by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30th, 2014.

E. Service Area: There is no defined service area requirement for this application. The service area should be defined in the application and the potential size of the population to be reached will be a consideration in prioritizing approved applications for funding.

F. Number of Grants and Funds Available: Approximately \$225,000 federal funds are available for fifteen months of funding. Funding levels will depend upon the number and size of the proposals received. Selection will be based on recommendations of the review panel, quality of each applicant, justification for the funding request and adherence to the goals and objectives outlined in this RFP. The majority of grants will be awarded for up to \$75,000 for a 15 month with a minimum funding level of \$30,000.

No grant award will be issued for less than \$30,000. The minimum amount is exclusive of any required matching amounts and represents only ODH funds granted. Applications submitted for less than the minimum amount will not be considered for review.

G. Due Date: All parts of the application must be completed and received by ODH electronically via GMIS or, for non-internet compatible items only, via ground delivery by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2014). Applications and required attachments received late will not be considered for review.

Contact Debra Seltzer, (614) 728-2176 or debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov with any questions. Enter the contact name listed under “Programmatic, Technical Assistance and Authorization for Internet Submission.

H. Authorization: Authorization of funds for this purpose is contained in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number* the Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Act Reauthorization Act of 2005, Pub. L. No 103-322 (September 13, 1994), and the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number* 16.017..

I. Goals: To expand culturally specific intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault in Ohio.

J. Program Period and Budget Period: The program period will begin October 1, 2014 and

end on [December 31, 2016 (twenty-seven months)]. The budget period for this application is [October 1, 2014] through [December 31, 2015 (15 months)] After the initial 15 month budget period agencies will need to submit a continuation application for the final 12 months of funding.

- K. Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standard(s):** *Identify the PHAB Standard(s) that will be addressed by grant activities. (An example is: This grant program will address PHAB standard 3.1: Provide Health Education and Health Promotion Policies, Programs, Processes, and Interventions to Support Prevention and Wellness.) The PHAB standards are available at the following website:*

<http://www.phaboard.org/wp-content/uploads/PHAB-Standards-Overview-Version-1.0.pdf>

- L. Public Health Impact Statement:** All applicant agencies that are not local health districts must communicate with local health districts regarding the impact of the proposed grant activities on the PHAB Standards.

1. Public Health Impact Statement Summary - Applicant agencies are required to submit a summary of the proposal to local health districts prior to submitting the grant application to ODH. The program summary, not to exceed one page, must include:
 - a) The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standard(s) to be addressed by grant activities:
 - A description of the demographic characteristics (e.g., age, race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, educational levels) of the target population and the geographical area in which they live (e.g., census tracts, census blocks, block groups);
 - A summary of the services to be provided or activities to be conducted; and,
 - A plan to coordinate and share information with appropriate local health districts.

The applicant must submit the above summary as part of their grant application to ODH. This will document that a written summary of the proposed activities was provided to the local health districts with a request for their support and/or comment about the activities as they relate to the PHAB Standards.

2. Public Health Impact Statement of Support - Include with the grant application a statement of support from the local health districts, if available. If a statement of support from the local health districts is not obtained, indicate that when the program summary is submitted with the grant application. If an applicant agency has a regional and/or statewide focus, a statement of support must be submitted from at least one local health district, if available.

- M. Incorporation of Strategies to Eliminate Health Inequities**

Health Equity Component (Standard Health Equity Language)

The ODH is committed to the elimination of health inequities. Racial and ethnic minorities and Ohio's economically disadvantaged residents experience health inequities and, therefore, do not have the same opportunities as other groups to be healthy.

Throughout the various components of this application (Program Narrative, Objectives, and Workplan), applicants are required to:

- 1) Explain the extent to which health disparities and/or health inequities are manifested within the problem addressed by this funding opportunity. This includes the identification of specific group(s) which experiences a disproportionate burden of disease or health condition (This information must be supported by data.);
- (2) Explain how specific social and environmental conditions (social determinants of health) put groups who are already disadvantaged at increased risk for health inequities; and,
- (3) Explain how proposed program interventions will address this problem.

The following section will provide basic framework and links to information to understand health equity concepts.

Understanding Health Disparities, Health Inequities, Social Determinants of Health & Health Equity:

*Certain groups in Ohio face significant barriers to achieving the best health possible. These groups include Ohio's poorest residents and racial and ethnic minority groups. Health disparities occur when these groups experience more disease, death or disability beyond what would normally be expected based on their relative size of the population. Health disparities are often characterized by such measures as disproportionate incidence, prevalence and/or mortality rates of diseases or health conditions. Health is largely determined by where people live, work and play. Health disparities are unnatural and can occur because of socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, disability status, geographic location or some combination of these factors. Those most impacted by health disparities also tend to have less access to resources like healthy food, good housing, good education, safe neighborhoods, freedom from racism and other forms of discrimination. These are referred to as **social determinants of health**. Social determinants are the root causes of health disparities. The systematic and unjust distribution of social determinants resulting in negative health outcomes is referred to as **health inequities**. As long as health inequities persist, those aforementioned groups will not achieve their best possible health. The ability of marginalized groups to achieve optimal health (like those with access to social determinants) is referred to as **health equity**. Public health programs that incorporate social determinants into the planning and implementation of interventions will greatly contribute to the elimination of health inequities.*

For more resources on health equity, please visit the ODH website at:

<http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/healthequity/equity.aspx>.

- N. Appropriation Contingency:** Any award made through this program is contingent upon the availability of funds for this purpose. **The subgrantee agency must be prepared to support the costs of operating the program in the event of a delay in grant payments.**

- O. Programmatic, Technical Assistance and Authorization for Internet Submission:** Initial authorization for Internet submission, for new agencies, will be granted after participation in the GMIS training session. All other agencies will receive their authorization after the posting of the RFP to the ODH website and the receipt of the Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding (NOIAF). Please contact (Debra Seltzer, (614)728-2176 or debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov) for questions regarding this RFP.

Applicant must attend or must document in the NOIAF prior attendance at GMIS training in order to receive authorization for Internet submission.

- P. Acknowledgment:** An 'Application Submitted' status will appear in GMIS that acknowledges ODH system receipt of the application submission.

- Q. Late Applications:** Applications are dated the time of actual submission via the Internet utilizing GMIS. Required attachments and/or forms sent electronically must be transmitted by the application due date. Required attachments and/or forms mailed that are non-Internet compatible must be postmarked or received on or before the application due date of **Monday, June 30, 2014.**

Applicants should request a legibly dated postmark, or obtain a legibly dated receipt from the U.S. Postal Service, or a commercial carrier. Private metered postmarks shall **not** be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Applicants can hand-deliver attachments to ODH, Grants Services Unit, Central Master Files; but they must be delivered by **4:00 p.m.** on the application due date. Fax attachments will not be accepted. **GMIS applications and required application attachments received late will not be considered for review.**

- R. Successful Applicants:** Successful applicants will receive official notification in the form of a Notice of Award (NOA). The NOA, issued under the signature of the Director of Health, allows for expenditure of grant funds.

- S. Unsuccessful Applicants:** Within 30 days after a decision to disapprove or not fund a grant application for a given period, written notification, issued under the signature of the Director of Health, or his designee, shall be sent to the unsuccessful applicant.

- T. Review Criteria:** All proposals will be judged on the quality, clarity and completeness of the application. Applications will be judged according to the extent to which the proposal:

1. Contributes to the advancement and/or improvement of the health of Ohioans;
2. Is responsive to policy concerns and program objectives of the initiative/program/activity for which grant dollars are being made available;
3. Is well executed and is capable of attaining program objectives;
4. Describe specific objectives, activities, milestones and outcomes with respect to time-lines and resources;
5. Estimates reasonable cost to the ODH, considering the anticipated results;
6. Indicates that program personnel are well qualified by training and/or experience for their roles in the program and the applicant organization has adequate facilities and personnel;
7. Provides an evaluation plan, including a design for determining program success;
8. Is responsive to the special concerns and program priorities specified in the RFP;

9. Has demonstrated acceptable past performance in areas related to programmatic and financial stewardship of grant funds;
10. Has demonstrated compliance to GAPP, Chapter 100;
11. Explicitly identifies specific groups in the service area who experience a disproportionate burden of the diseases, health condition(s); or who are at an increased risk for problems addressed by this funding opportunity; and,
12. Applicant describes activities which supports the requirements outlined in sections I. through M. of this RFP.

Activities that compromise victim safety and recovery:

The following activities have been found to jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions. Applications that propose any of these activities may receive a deduction in points during the review process, will be required to eliminate the activities if funded, and may be eliminated from further consideration as a result of including these activities.

- Procedures or policies that exclude victims from receiving safe shelter, advocacy services, counseling, and other assistance based on their actual or perceived age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the aged and/or gender of their children;²
- Procedures or policies that compromise the confidentiality of information and privacy of persons receiving SASP-SC funded services;
- Crafting policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator;
- Developing materials that are not tailored to the dynamics of sexual assault or the culturally specific population to be served;
- Crafting policies or engaging in practices that impose restrictive conditions to be met by the victim in order to receive services (e.g. mandatory counseling, seeking an order of protection); and,
- Crafting policies that require the victim to report the sexual assault to law enforcement.

Out of Scope Activities:

The following activities are out of scope for this funding source. Applications that propose any of these activities may receive a deduction in points during the review process, will be required to eliminate the activities if funded, and may be eliminated from further consideration as a result of including these activities.

- Research projects;
- Activities focused on prevention efforts and public education (e.g. bystander intervention, social norms campaigns, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.);
- Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews;
- Providing domestic violence services unrelated to intimate partner sexual violence;
- Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examination programs; and,

² If an award is made, the recipient will also be subject to new civil rights provisions and statutory prohibitions on discrimination added as a result of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. More guidance on these provisions will be forth coming.

- Sexual Assault Response Team coordination.

Application Review Form attached- *Appendix B*

The ODH will make the final determination and selection of successful/unsuccessful applicants and reserves the right to reject any or all applications for any given RFPs. **There will be no appeal of the Department's decision.**

- U. Freedom of Information Act:** The Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C.552) and the associated Public Information Regulations require the release of certain information regarding grants requested by any member of the public. The intended use of the information will not be a criterion for release. Grant applications and grant-related reports are generally available for inspection and copying except that information considered being an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy will not be disclosed. For guidance regarding specific funding sources, refer to: 45 CFR Part 5 for funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service; 34 CFR Part 5 for funds from the U.S. Department of Education; or, 7 CFR Part 1 for funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. [Select only the appropriate reference.]
- V. Ownership Copyright:** Any work produced under this grant, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports, records, software, source code, or other media, shall become the property of ODH, which shall have an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the work produced. If this grant is funded in whole, or in part, by the federal government, unless otherwise provided by the terms of that grant or by federal law, the federal funder also shall have an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the work produced. No work produced under this grant shall include copyrighted matter without the prior written consent of the owner, except as may otherwise be allowed under federal law.

ODH must approve, in advance, the content of any work produced under this grant. All work must clearly state:

“This work is funded either in whole or in part by a grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Health, [Bureau of Healthy Ohio], [Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program] and as a sub-award of a grant issued by [[United States Department of Justice] under the [Sexual Assault Services program] grant, grant award number [2012-KF-AX-0030], and CFDA number [16.017].”

- W. Reporting Requirements:** Successful applicants are required to submit subgrantee program and expenditure reports. Reports must adhere to the requirements of the ODH GAPP manual. Reports must be received in accordance with the requirements of the ODH GAPP manual and this RFP before the department will release any additional funds.

Note: Failure to assure the quality of reporting by submitting incomplete and/or late program or expenditure reports will jeopardize the receipt of future agency payments.

Reports shall be submitted as follows:

- 1. Program Reports:** subgrantees Program Reports must be completed and submitted via GMIS as required by the subgrant program by the following dates:

Due Date	Quarter
January 15, 2015	October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
April 15, 2015	January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015
July 15, 2015	April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015
October 15, 2015	July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015
January 15, 2016	October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Annual reports are based on the calendar year. The first annual report for the period of October – December 2014 will be due February 15, 2015 and the second annual report for the period of January – December 2015 will be due February 15, 2016.

Any paper non-Internet compatible report attachments must be submitted to Central Master Files by the specific report due date. All program report attachments must clearly identify the authorized program name and grant number.

Submission of Subgrantee Program Reports via the ODH's GMIS indicates acceptance of the ODH GAPP.

- 2. Periodic Expenditure Reports:** Subgrantee Expenditure Reports **must** be completed and submitted **via GMIS** by the following dates:

Due Date	Quarter
January 15, 2015	October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
April 15, 2015	January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015
July 15, 2015	April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015
October 15, 2015	July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015
January 15, 2016	October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
February 15, 2016	Final Expense Report

Note: Outstanding obligations cannot be reported on the quarterly expense reports with the exception of the fourth quarterly expense report.

- 3. Final Expenditure Reports:** A Subgrantee Final Expenditure Report reflecting total expenditures for the fiscal year must be completed and submitted **via GMIS** by 4:00 p.m. on or before [February 15, 2016]. The information contained in this report must reflect the program's accounting records and supportive documentation. Any cash balances must be returned with the Subgrantee Final Expense Report. The Sub-grantee Final Expense Report serves as an invoice to return unused funds.

Submission of the Periodic and Final Sub-grantee Expenditure reports via the GMIS system indicates acceptance of ODH GAPP. Clicking the "Approve" button signifies authorization of the submission by an agency official and constitutes electronic acknowledgment and acceptance of GAPP rules and regulations.

- 4. Inventory Report:** A list of all equipment purchased in whole or in part with **current** grant funds (Equipment Section of the approved budget) must be submitted via GMIS as part of the subgrantee Final Expenditure Report. At least once every two years, inventory

must be physically inspected by the subgrantee. Equipment purchased with ODH grant funds must be tagged as property of ODH for inventory control. Such equipment may be required to be returned to ODH at the end of the grant program period.

X. Special Condition(s): Responses to all special conditions **must be submitted via GMIS within 30 days of receipt of the first quarter payment.** A Special Conditions link is available for viewing and responding to special conditions. This link is viewable only after the issuance of the subgrantee's first payment. The 30 day time period, in which the subgrantee must respond to special conditions, will begin when the link is viewable. Failure to submit satisfactory responses to the special conditions or a plan describing how those special conditions will be satisfied will result in the withholding of any further payments until satisfied.

Y. Unallowable Costs: Funds **may not** be used for the following:

1. To advance political or religious points of view or for fund raising or lobbying; but must be used solely for the purpose as specified in this announcement;
2. To disseminate factually incorrect or deceitful information;
3. Consulting fees for salaried program personnel to perform activities related to grant objectives;
4. Bad debts of any kind;
5. Lump sum indirect or administrative costs;
6. Contributions to a contingency fund;
7. Entertainment;
8. Fines and penalties;
9. Membership fees -- unless related to the program and approved by ODH;
10. Interest or other financial payments (including but not limited to bank fees);
11. Contributions made by program personnel;
12. Costs to rent equipment or space owned by the funded agency;
13. Inpatient services;
14. The purchase or improvement of land; the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building;
15. Satisfying any requirement for the expenditure of non-federal funds as a condition for the receipt of federal funds;
16. Travel and meals over the current state rates (see OBM website: <http://obm.ohio.gov/MiscPages/Memos/default.aspx> then click on most recent Mileage Reimbursement memo.)
17. Costs related to out-of-state travel, unless otherwise approved by ODH, and described in the budget narrative;
18. Training longer than one week in duration, unless otherwise approved by ODH;
19. Contracts for compensation with advisory board members;
20. Grant-related equipment costs greater than \$1,000, unless justified and approved by ODH;
21. Payments to any person for influencing or attempting to influence members of Congress or the Ohio General Assembly in connection with awarding of grants, and,
22. Supplanting Prohibition: Grant funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and may not replace (supplant) other funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Use of grant funds for prohibited purposes will result in the loss and/or recovery of those funds.

Z. Client Incentives: Client incentives are an unallowable cost.

Client Enablers: Client enablers are [an allowable] cost. The following client enablers are allowed: [Bus tokens, pre-paid gas cards.]

Recipients of incentives must sign a statement acknowledging the receipt of the incentive and agreeing to the purpose(s) of the incentive. Subgrantees are required to maintain a log of all client incentives and enablers purchased and distributed. These files must be readily available for review during your programmatic monitoring visit.

AA. Audit: Subgrantees currently receiving funding from the ODH are responsible for submitting an independent audit report that meets OMB Circular A-133 requirements, a copy of the auditor's management letter, a corrective action plan (if applicable) and a data collection form (for single audits) within 30 days of the receipt of the auditor's report, but not later than nine months after the end of the subgrantee's fiscal year.

Subgrantees that expend \$500,000 or more in federal awards per fiscal year are required to have a single audit. The fair share of the cost of the single audit is an allowable cost to federal awards provided that the audit was conducted in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133.

Subgrantees that expend less than the \$500,000 threshold require a financial audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. **The financial audit is not an allowable cost to the program.**

Once an audit is completed, a copy must be sent to the ODH, Grants Services Unit, Central Master Files address within 30 days. Reference: GAPP Chapter 100, Section 108 and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations for additional audit requirements.

Subgrantee audit reports (finalized and published, and including the audit Management Letters, if applicable) **which include internal control findings, questioned costs or any other serious findings, must include a cover letter which:**

- Lists and highlights the applicable findings;
- Discloses the potential connection or effect (direct or indirect) of the findings on subgrants passed-through the ODH; and,
- Summarizes a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to address the findings. A copy of the CAP should be attached to the cover letter.

AB. Submission of Application

Formatting Requirements:

- Properly label each item of the application packet (ex. budget narrative, program narrative, etc.).
- Each section should use 1.5 spacing with one-inch margins.

- Program and Budget narratives must be submitted in portrait orientation on 8 ½ by 11 paper.
- Number all pages (print on one side only).
- Program narrative should not exceed 25 pages (**excludes** appendices, attachments, budget and budget narrative).
- Use a 12 point font.
- Forms must be completed and submitted in the format provided by ODH.

The GMIS application submission must consist of the following:

<p>Complete & Submit Via Internet</p>
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1. Application Information
2. Project Narrative
3. Project Contacts
4. Budget
 - Primary Reason
 - Funding
 - Cash Needs
 - Justification
 - Personnel
 - Other Direct Costs
 - Equipment
 - Contracts
 - Compliance Section D
 - Summary
5. Civil Rights Review Questionnaire (EEO Survey)
6. Assurances Certification
7. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting form
8. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form (**Required if new agency, thereafter only if banking information has changed.**)
9. IRS W-9 Form (**Required if new agency, thereafter only when tax identification number or agency address information has changed.**) **One of the following forms must accompany the IRS W-9 Form:**
 - a. Vendor Information Form (**New Agency Only**)
 - b. Vendor Information Change Form (**Existing agency with tax identification number, name and/or address change(s.)**)
 - c. Change request in writing on agency letterhead (**Existing agency with tax identification number, name and/or address change(s.)**)
10. Public Health Impact Statement
11. Statement of Support from the Local Health Districts
12. Liability Coverage (**Non-Profit organizations only; proof of current liability coverage and thereafter at each renewal period.**)
13. Evidence of Non-Profit Status (**Non-Profit organizations only**)
14. Attachments as required by Program
 - i. Table of organization
 - ii. Position descriptions

- iii. Resumes
- iv. Letters of support
- v. Program Cover Page
- vi. Methodology/Work Plan

One copy of the following documents must be e-mailed to audits@odh.ohio.gov or mailed to the address listed below:

**Complete
Copy &
E-mail or
Mail to
ODH**

1. Current Independent Audit (latest completed organizational fiscal period; **only if not previously submitted**)

**Ohio Department of Health
Grants Services Unit
Central Master Files, 4th Floor
246 N. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

One copy of the following documents must be mailed to the address listed below:

**Complete
Copy &
Mail To
ODH**

1. An original and two (2) copies of **Attachments** (non-Internet compatible) as required by program:
 - i. Table of organization
 - ii. Position descriptions
 - iii. Resumes
 - iv. Letters of support
 - v. Program Cover Page
 - vi. Methodology/Work Plan

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II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND FORMAT

Access to GMIS, will be provided after GMIS training for those agencies requiring training. All others will receive access after the RFP is posted to the ODH website.

All applications must be submitted via GMIS. Submission of all parts of the grant application via the ODH's GMIS system indicates acceptance of ODH GAPP. Submission of the application signifies authorization by an agency official and constitutes electronic acknowledgment and acceptance of GAPP rules and regulations in lieu of an executed Signature Page document.

- A. **Application Information:** Information on the applicant agency and its administrative staff must be accurately completed. This information will serve as the basis for necessary

communication between the agency and the ODH.

- B. Budget:** Prior to completion of the budget section, please review page 10 – 11 of the RFP for unallowable costs.

Match or Applicant Share is not required by this program. Do not include Match or Applicant Share in the budget and/or the Applicant Share column of the Budget Summary. Only the narrative may be used to identify additional funding information from other resources.

- 1. Primary Reason and Justification Pages:** Provide a detailed budget justification narrative that describes how the categorical costs are derived. Discuss the necessity, reasonableness, and allocability of the proposed costs. Describe the specific functions of the personnel, consultants and collaborators. Explain and justify equipment, travel, (including any plans for out-of-state travel), supplies and training costs. If you have joint costs refer to GAPP Chapter 100, Section 103.3 Cost Allocation Plan and the Compliance Section of the application for additional information.
- 2. Personnel, Other Direct Costs, Equipment and Contracts:** Submit a budget with these sections and form(s) completed as necessary to support costs for the period October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

Funds may be used to support personnel, their training, travel (see OBM website <http://obm.ohio.gov/MiscPages/TravelRule>) and supplies directly related to planning, organizing and conducting the initiative/program activity described in this announcement.

The applicant shall retain all original fully executed contracts on file. A completed “Confirmation of Contractual Agreement” (CCA) must be submitted via GMIS 2.0 for each contract once it has been signed by both parties. All contracts must be signed and dated by all parties prior to any services being rendered and must be attached to the CCA section in GMIS. The submitted CCA and attached contract must be approved by ODH before contractual expenditures are authorized. CCAs and attached contracts cannot be submitted until the first quarter grant payment has been issued.

Please refer to the memorandum issued by the Director on November 26, 2013 Subject: Contracts. The memorandum was posted on the GMIS Bulletin Board on November 27, 2013.

CCAs cannot be submitted until after the 1st quarter grant payment has been issued.

The applicant shall itemize all equipment (**minimum \$1,000 unit cost value**) to be purchased with grant funds in the Equipment Section.

- 3. Compliance Section D:** Answer each question on this form in GMIS as accurately as possible. *Completion of the form ensures your agency’s compliance with the administrative standards of ODH and federal grants.*
- 4. Funding, Cash Needs and Budget Summary Sections:** Enter information about the funding sources and forecasted cash needs for the program. Distribution should reflect

the best estimate of need by quarter but not to exceed 20 percent of the funds being provided by ODH. Failure to complete and balance this section will cause delays in receipt of grant funds.

C. Assurances Certification: Each subgrantee must submit the Assurances (Federal and State Assurances for Sub-grantees) form within GMIS. This form is submitted as a part of each application via GMIS. The Assurances Certification sets forth standards of financial conduct relevant to receipt of grant funds and is provided for informational purposes. The listing is not all-inclusive and any omission of other statutes does not mean such statutes are not assimilated under this certification. Review the form and then press the “Complete” button. By submission of an application, the subgrantee agency agrees by electronic acknowledgment to the financial standards of conduct as stated therein.

D. Project Narrative:

- 1. Executive Summary:** Identify who the program will be serving, and what agency or agencies will provide those services. Discuss the demographics of the area to be served and how this project will address health disparities and health inequities. This includes a description of how program efforts will address the disproportionate impact of sexual assault and on survivors who are impoverished and/or survivors from racial and ethnic minority communities. Describe the project goals and where the activities will be held. Describe community collaborations to support this project, including the name of partner agencies including partners with sexual assault expertise if sexual assault services are new to the applicant agency. State total funds requested and summarize how those funds will be used.
- 2. Description of Applicant Agency/Documentation of Eligibility/Personnel:** Briefly discuss the applicant agency's eligibility to apply including demonstration that the agency is a non-profit agency, for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to one or more of the following racial and ethnic communities: Asian Americans, African American and/or Black, and/or Hispanics. Summarize the agency's structure as it relates to this program and, as the lead agency, how it will manage the program.

Describe the capacity of your organization, its personnel or contractors to communicate effectively and convey information in a manner that is easily understood by diverse audiences. This includes persons of limited English proficiency, those who are not literate, have low literacy skills, and individuals with disabilities.

Where any objectives of the grant are to be implemented through a contract, include detailed information about the qualifications of the contracting agency or individual. Include all work to be completed through contracts in the program narrative and in the methodology.

For Sexual Assault Services Program – Culturally Specific (SASP-CS) funded programs, maintaining a 24 hour rape crisis hotline by the funded agency is not a requirement. However, if the funded agency does not maintain a 24 hour rape crisis hotline, applicants should have a plan for how sexual assault survivors in the project service area will have

access to 24 hour support. Ideally this would be through a local rape crisis center, or through a mental health program if rape crisis services are not available.

Describe the expertise of the applicant agency related to provision of sexual assault crisis intervention services, or, where the applicant agency does not have such expertise, describe plans to partner with a sexual assault victim services organization. Rape crisis services must meet the criteria found in the Core Standards for Rape Crisis Programs in Ohio. <http://www.oaesv.org/ohio-core-rape-crisis-standards-2013/> Include plans for collaboration with local and state coalitions such as the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) and local sexual assault response team partners. (Such collaboration is encouraged even if the applicant agency also has expertise in the provision of sexual assault crisis intervention services).

Note any personnel or equipment deficiencies that will need to be addressed in order to carry out this grant. Describe plans for hiring and training, as necessary. Delineate all personnel who will be directly involved in program activities. Include the relationship between program staff members, staff members of the applicant agency, and other partners and agencies that will be working on this program. Include position descriptions for these staff.

Provide as attachments:

- Table of organization showing project staff;
- Position descriptions for all staff affiliated with the grant including qualification standards;
- Resumes for all staff positions that are affiliated with the grant;
 - Resumes should be up to date. If the staff person is currently employed by your agency, be sure that the resume reflects that employment.
 - Education, skills and experiences should match those required in the job description. If education, skills and experiences don't meet this expectation, a training plan **must** be included, and training must be completed prior to providing direct service.
- Letters of support: (total of three)
 - Include at least two current letters of support from other agencies currently serving the culturally specific population to be served, and at least one letter of support from a rape crisis center if one exists within your service area. If there is no local rape crisis center, include a letter from another agency with expertise in working with survivors of sexual assault who will support your application and provide input to your program development (such as the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, a rape crisis center not in your service area, or a mental health provider with expertise in working with sexual assault survivors).
 - Letters should include statements of commitment where appropriate, and should provide evidence that the applicant agency will be able to serve the culturally specific community.
 - If funds will be used to contract with another agency, include a letter from that agency confirming their commitment to the project. (This can be counted as one of the three required letters of support).

Agency Policies and Confidentiality: Provide a description of the agency's confidentiality policy that addresses the following. Either summarize the policy, or if it is two pages or less, include the actual policy.

- All services are provided in a confidential manner;
- No information regarding a client may be disclosed without an individual's consent, except as required by law;
- No information regarding a client's case is released to the media;
- All agency staff/student interns/volunteers are given confidentiality training and sign a confidentiality statement;
- Precaution is taken to ensure and maintain confidentiality of information transmitted to other parties through the use of computers, electronic mail, facsimile machines, telephones, cell phones, telephone answering machines and other electronic or computer technology; and,
- Clients records will be maintained in accordance with accepted medical standards

Quality Assurance (QA) should include professional and community input and consumer participation.

- Quarterly QA should include a committee of three or more persons who:
 - a) Review any unusual incidences for patterns and trends (including denial of services and complaints);
 - b) Review cultural and linguistic competency of services and agency;
 - c) Review agency records (e.g., client records, confidentiality, evaluation forms);
 - d) Evaluate the project's performance in meeting goals and objectives of the project;
 - e) Review of compliance with the Core Standards for Rape Crisis Programs issued by OAESV <http://www.oaesv.org/ohio-core-rape-crisis-standards-2013/>.
- Annual QA should include:
 - a) Review of agency's policies and procedures;
 - b) A scheduled review of materials (e.g., brochures, handouts and posters);
 - c) Employee, student interns and volunteer annual performance review; and,
 - d) Review of compliance with Core Standards for Rape Crisis Programs issued by OAESV.

- 3. Problem/Need:** Identify and describe the local health status concern that will be addressed by the program. Only restate national and state data if local data is not available. The specific health status concerns that the program intends to address may be stated in terms of health status (e.g., morbidity and/or mortality) or health system (e.g., accessibility, availability, affordability, appropriateness of health services) indicators. The indicators should be measurable in order to serve as baseline data upon which the evaluation will be based. Clearly identify the target population.

Explicitly describe segments of the target population who experience a disproportionate burden for the health concern or issue; or who are at an increased risk for the problem addressed by this funding opportunity.

Include a description of other agencies/organizations, in your area, also addressing this problem/need.

Describe how the funded agency will work with others serving the same population.

Describe existing agency networking, coordination and collaboration within the proposed community. Include reasons why it makes sense to partner with specific groups (e.g. faith communities, social services, schools, other service providers). Applicants may demonstrate additional ability to reach the population to be served through establishing partnerships with others service providers to reach the same audience.

Identify the local gaps and barriers that will be identified by the activities of the grant. Discuss on-going assessment to identify awareness of sexual assault services and areas of unmet need.

Provides information about the demographics of the culturally specific population within the planned service area, including numbers to be reached and more detailed information about sexual assault victimization within that service area. Applications with the potential to reach the largest number of survivors of sexual assault will be a consideration for prioritization in final funding decisions of approved applications.

4. Narrative/Work Plan: All goals and objectives **must** be selected from those listed in Appendix D-ii of this “Request for Proposals” document. Include both a narrative explaining your methodology and a completed Work Plan. See form and instructions, Appendix D-ii for the Work Plan guidance. All applications must include at least two of the suggested impact objectives.

Narrative: Briefly describe the selected activities and why they were selected. They should follow logically from the gaps and barriers described above. Please specify how selected activities will address the needs of groups who are disproportionately impacted by sexual assault. This includes survivors who are impoverished, from racial and ethnic minority groups and survivors who are geographically isolated from services. Please include how you plan to expand services to these groups. All activities listed in the narrative should be reflected on the Work Plan also.

- Where any objectives of the grant are to be implemented through a contract, include all work to be completed through contracts in the narrative and in the Work Plan. Note that contract agencies must follow the Core Standards for Rape Crisis Programs issued by OAESV and must contribute information to the quarterly and annual reports.
- Outline a plan for community awareness/publicity which informs residents in the new communities to be served of the availability of services and promotes community understanding of rape crisis intervention services.
- If as a part of its funding the SASP-CS funded program will be advertising the hotline of another agency, providing staff support to cover the hotline shifts of another agency, and/or providing training to the staff and volunteers of another agency, those activities should be listed as activities in the Work Plan. Staff of the SASP-SC funded project should work with the staff of the rape crisis hotline to expand referral information to ensure that culturally and linguistically appropriate referrals are available to survivors of sexual assault from the specific community with whom the SASP-CS agency works.
- Funded SASP-CS projects are also encouraged to provide basic sexual assault crisis intervention training to all staff within their own agency, including those working in unrelated areas, and to partner with other agencies and professionals who have a strong likelihood of working with survivors of sexual assault in the specific population for

which this grant application is a focus to provide them with rape crisis intervention training and ensure they are aware of services available to survivors. Activities related to such training should be listed in the Work Plan.

- Include a plan for evaluation of all activities. Utilize the Core Standards for Rape Crisis Programs which includes ideas for evaluation strategies related to different activities.

Work Plan, Appendix D-ii. Be sure to reflect the following points:

- Customize the provided goal to reflect your project population, service area and objectives.
 - You must select from the impact and process objectives in Appendix D-ii. Select at least **two (2)** of the suggested impact objectives. Choose the impact objectives that are relevant to your grant proposal. The Work Plan is the primary means by which the applicant presents realistic, time framed and measurable objectives
 - For the specific population to be served, applicants must include objectives related to both direct service and outreach to the population and clearly describe how services will be more accessible to that population as a result of this grant implementation.
 - The Work Plan should present each objective in quantifiable terms and describes the activities and time frame for accomplishment.
 - The evaluation component should include tools used for measuring the progress made toward attaining each specific objective. Evaluation in the narrative must match the evaluation plan described in the Work Plan.
 - All program staff listed on the budget should be found on the “person responsible” column of the Work Plan and everyone listed on the Work Plan should be represented on the budget either under personnel or in the section on explanation of personnel funding excluding program funds.
- **Cultural Competency Plan** (*Double space; maximum of three pages*)
Every community contains diversity. Within cultural diversity there are additional diversities such as those related to geography, age, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, disability status, and other factors. Achieving cultural competency is an on-going process. Include details as to the proposed strategy for strengthening relationships with leaders, agencies, and community members in extending services to the diversity within the community to be served.

Accommodations and Language Access

Applicants are encouraged to allocate grant funds to support activities that help to ensure individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals and persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful and full access to their programs. For example, grant funds can be used to support American Sign Language Interpreter services, language interpretation and translation services, or the purchase of adaptive equipment.

In each of the following areas, identify your agency strengths, gaps, and areas of outreach/expansion that are priorities for the coming year.

Access for the community to be served:

- Are the hours of service, location of services and physical accessibility to services adequate for the needs of the community to be served? What have you done to increase accessibility? Describe pending accessibility plans.
- Are policies and resources in place for the advertisement of and provision of translation and interpretation services and limited English proficiency and/or non-literate populations at no cost to service recipients? Does the policy include the method used for choosing interpreters and bilingual staff? What areas of need remain, and what plans do you have to address these?
- Describe how your agency will respond to the needs of those who need interpretation services, including on your hotline, and how related training is provided to staff and volunteers.

Cultural competency in staffing:

- Do the agency board members reflect a broad representation of the community to be served that includes representatives from organizations serving diverse communities? If not, include a plan for achieving this representation.
- Are agency staff, college interns, and volunteers reflective of the community to be served? If not, include a plan for achieving representation.
- Is there on-going professional development and in-service training for staff, student interns, volunteers and board members related to culturally competent provision of service? Describe past programs and future plans.

Community participation:

- Describe how community members are/will be involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the project.
- Describe if materials and curriculums are reviewed by representatives reflecting the community to be served. Explain how this review is accomplished, or include such review in your methodology for this year.

E. Civil Rights Review Questionnaire - EEO Survey: The Civil Rights Review Questionnaire (EEO) Survey is a part of the Application Section of GMIS. Sub-grantees must complete the questionnaire as part of the application process. This questionnaire is submitted automatically with each application via the Internet. Approved sub-grantees will be required to take a training on civil rights compliance, including a Department of Justice online civil rights training course.

F. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Requirements:

FFATA was signed on September 26, 2006. FFATA requires ODH to report all subgrants receiving \$25,000 or more of federal funds. All applicants applying for ODH grant funds are required to complete the FFATA Reporting Form in GMIS.

All applicants for ODH grants are required to obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) and a Central Contractor Registration Number (CCR) and submit the information in the grant application, Attachment B. For information about the DUNS, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. For information about CCR go to www.ccr.gov.

Information on Federal Spending Transparency can be located at www.USAspending.gov or the Office of Management and Budget's website for Federal Spending Transparency at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/open.

(Required by all applicants, the FFATA form is located on the GMIS Application Page and must be completed in order to submit the application.)

- G. Public Health Accreditation Board Standards:** Attach in GMIS the PHAB Standards that will be addressed by grant activities.
- H. Public Health Impact:** Only for applicants which are not local health departments, attach in GMIS the response/statement(s) of support from the local health district(s) to your agency's communication regarding the impact of the proposed grant activities on the PHAB Standards. If a statement of support from the local health districts is not available, indicate that and submit a copy of the program summary your agency forwarded to the local health district(s).
- I. Attachment(s):** Attachments are documents deemed necessary to the application that are not a part of the GMIS system. Attachments that are non-Internet compatible must be postmarked or received on or before the application due date. All attachments must clearly identify the authorized program name and program number. All attachments submitted to GMIS must be attached in the "Project Narratives" section and be in one of the following formats: PDF, Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel. Please see the GMIS bulletin board for instructions on how to submit attachments in GMIS. An original and the required number of copies of non-Internet compatible attachments must be mailed to the ODH, Grants Services Unit, Central Master Files address by 4:00 p.m. on or before June 30, 2014. *A minimum of an original and two (2) copies of non-Internet attachments are required.*

III. APPENDICES

- A.** Notice of Intent to apply
- B.** GMIS Training Form
- C.** Application Review Form
- D.** Other Program Documents
 - i.** Program Cover Page
 - ii.** Methodology/Work Plan Guidelines

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

Ohio Department of Health
Division of Prevention and Health Promotion
Bureau of Healthy Ohio

ODH Program Title:

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program

ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED MUST BE COMPLETED.

(Please Print Clearly or Type)

County of Applicant Agency _____ **Federal Tax Identification Number** _____

NOTE: The applicant agency/organization name must be the same as that on the IRS letter. This is the legal name by which the tax identification number is assigned.

Type of Applicant Agency (Check One) County Agency City Agency Hospital Higher Education Local Schools Not-for Profit

Applicant Agency/Organization _____

Applicant Agency Address _____

Agency Contact Person Name and Title _____

Telephone Number _____ **E-mail Address** _____

Agency Head (Print Name) **Agency Head (Signature)**

Does your agency have at least two staff members who have been trained in and currently have access to the ODH GMIS 2.0 system? YES NO

If yes, no further action is needed.

If no, at least two people from your agency are REQUIRED to complete the training before you will be able to access the ODH GMIS 2.0 system and submit a grant proposal. Fill out the training request form in the Request for Proposal. **The training form must be submitted with the Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding, W-9 form, EFT form, Proof of Liability (if applicable) and Proof of Non-Profit (if applicable).**

Mail, E-mail or Fax to: Debra Seltzer, Program Administrator, (614) 728-2176 or debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov
Ohio Department of Health Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program
246 North High Street – 8th floor
Columbus, OH 43215
E-mail: debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov
Fax: (614) 564-2409

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING (NOIAF), W-9 form, Vendor Information Form (New Agency Only), EFT form, PROOF OF LIABILITY (if applicable), AND PROOF OF NON-PROFIT (if applicable) MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 2, 2014

NOTE: NOIAF's will be considered late if any of the required forms listed above are not received by the due date. NOIAF's considered late will not be accepted.



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John R. Kasich / Governor

GMIS 2.0 TRAINING REQUEST (Competitive Cycle ONLY)

This document is to be used for GMIS 2.0 during a competitive cycle only. **EACH** person requesting training must complete a form. Requests will only be honored when form is signed by your **Agency Head** or **Agency Financial Head**. Confirmation of your GMIS training session will be e-mailed once a date has been assigned by ODH.

Grant Program: _____ RFP Due Date: _____

Agency Name: _____

Salutation: (Dr., Mrs., etc.) _____

User's Name: (no nicknames, please) _____

User's Job Title: (ex.: Program Director) _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Agency/Financial Head Signature: _____

(*Signature of Agency/ Financial Head)

(*Printed Name of Agency /Financial Head)

TRAINING REQUEST FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FORM

Users will receive his/her username and password via e-mail once they have completed training.

**Ohio Department of Health
Bureau of Healthy Ohio/Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program
Grant Application Review Form
Sexual Assault Services Act Program – Culturally Specific (SASP-CP) 2014**

Applicant agency _____

Mandatory requirements:	Accept	Reject
Applicant has demonstrated that the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to one or more of the following racial and ethnic communities: Asian Americans, African American and/or Black, and/or Hispanics.		
Applicant has documented organizational experience in the area of sexual assault intervention or has entered into a partnership with an organization having such experience.		
Activities appropriately address victim safety and recovery and are within the scope of work as described in the RFP.		

CRITERIA	SCORE
1. Executive Summary (10 possible)	
2. Description of Applicant Agency/Documentation of Eligibility (27 possible)	
3. Problem/Need (9 possible)	
4. Methodology (36 possible)	
5. Cultural Competency (9 possible)	
6. Budget (9 possible)	
TOTAL (100 possible)	

Recommendation of Reviewer:

- Approval (funding) of proposal as submitted (no conditions)**
- Approval (funding) of proposal with conditions. List condition(s)**
- Disapproval of project. State reason(s)**

Recommended funding level: \$ _____

Scoring Range

NONE 0	POOR 1	GOOD 2
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1. Executive Summary

Component	Comments	Score
Identifies who the project will be serving and what agencies will provide those services. (2 points)		
Discusses the demographics of the area to be served and how this project will address health disparities and health inequities, including a description of how program efforts will address the disproportionate impact of sexual assault on survivors who are impoverished and/or survivors from racial and ethnic minority communities. (2 points)		
Describes the project goals and where the activities will be held. (2 points)		
Describes community collaborations to support this project, including the name of partner agencies including partners with sexual assault expertise if sexual assault services are new to the applicant agency. (2 points)		
States total funds requested and summarizes how these funds will be used. (2 points)		
Total points received (out of ten (10) possible points)		

Scoring Range

NONE 0	POOR 1	GOOD 2	EXCELLENT 3
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2. Description of Applicant Agency

Component	Comments	Score
Describes agency's eligibility to apply including demonstration that the agency is a non-profit agency for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to one or more of the following racial and ethnic communities: Asian American, African American and/or Black, and/or Hispanic. Summarizes agency structure as it relates to this program and how the lead agency will manage the program. (3 points)		
Describes the capacity of the organization, its personnel or contractors to communicate effectively and convey information in a manner that is easily understood by diverse audiences. This includes persons of limited English proficiency, those who are not literate, have low literacy skills, and individuals with disabilities. (3 points)		
Proposal identifies if objectives of the grant are to be implemented through a contract and includes information about the contracting agency or individual, if known. Proposal identifies all work to be completed through contracts in the methodology. (3 points)		
Describes the expertise of the applicant agency related to the provision of sexual assault crisis services, or, where the applicant agency does not have such expertise, describes plans to partner with a rape crisis center. Includes plans for collaboration with local and state coalitions such as OAESV and local sexual assault response team partners. (3 points)		
Notes any personnel or equipment deficiencies that will need to be addressed in order to carry out this grant. Describes plans for hiring and training, as necessary. Delineates all personnel who will be directly involved in program activities. Includes the relationship between program staff members, staff members of the applicant agency, and other partners and agencies that will be working on this program. (3 points)		
Attachments include: Table of Organization. Position descriptions for staff affiliated with grant and appropriate staff are included in the budget. Resumes for all staff positions that are affiliated with the grant. Education, skills and experiences should match those required in the job description and are found in the budget. (3 points)		

<p>Letters of support as detailed in the RFP, including statements of commitment where appropriate and provide evidence that the applicant agency will be able to meet the needs of the specific community to be served. (3 points)</p>		
<p><i>Agency Policies and Confidentiality</i> Proposal describes agency’s confidentiality policy that addresses the items listed in the RFP. (3 points)</p>		
<p><i>Quality Assurance</i> Proposal provides a description of the QA plan including review of the agency's services and prevention programs, mechanism for reporting results and procedures for corrective action plan. The plan should include professional and community input and consumer participation. The agency has a quality assurance committee of three or more persons who meet quarterly and annually. Agency’s QA committee’s quarterly and annual meetings review the tasks described in the RFP. (3 points)</p>		
<p>Total points received (out of twenty-seven (27) possible points)</p>		

Scoring Range

NONE 0	POOR 1	GOOD 2	EXCELLENT 3	
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3. Problem/Need

Component	Comments	Score
Identifies and describes the local health status concern that will be addressed by the program. Provides information about the demographics of the culturally specific population within the planned service area, including numbers to be reached and more detailed information about sexual assault victimization within that service area. (3 points)		
Describes how the funded agency will work with others serving the same population. Describes existing agency networking, coordination and collaboration within the proposed community. Includes reasons why it makes sense to partner with specific groups. Demonstrates the ability to reach the population to be served through establishing partnerships with other service providers to reach the same audience. (3 points)		
Identifies the local gaps and barriers that will be addressed by the activities of this grant. Discusses on-going assessment to identify awareness of sexual assault services and areas of unmet need. (3 points)		
Total points received (out of nine (9) possible points)		

Scoring Range

NONE 0	POOR 1-2	GOOD 3-4	EXCELLENT 5 - 6
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4. Methodology

Component	Comments	Score
Narrative: All goals and objectives were selected from those listed in the RFP. Narrative describes the selected activities and why they were selected, and activities follow logically from the gaps and barriers described in the problem statement. All activities listed in this section are reflected on the methodology form. Where any objectives of the grant are to be implemented through a contract, that work is included in the program narrative and in the work plan. (6 points)		
Narrative: Outlines a plan for community awareness/publicity which informs residents in the new communities to be served of the availability of services and promotes community understanding of rape crisis intervention services. (6 points)		
Narrative: Includes a plan for evaluation of all activities. (6 points)		
Methodology/Work Plan Form: Objectives for the specific community to be reached are clearly identified and meet the requirements of the RFP. At least two impact objectives are included. (6 points)		
Methodology/Work Plan Form: For the specific population to be served, includes objectives related to outreach to the population and how services will be more accessible to that population as a result of this grant implementation. Includes strategy for strengthening relationships with leaders, agencies, and community members already working in the community to be served. (6 points)		
Methodology/Work Plan form includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology represents realistic activities and time frame with sufficient staffing and resource allocation. • Evaluation is included appropriately and reflects what is described in the online narrative description. • Program staff are appropriately designated and can be found in the budget. (6 points)		
Total points received (out of thirty-six (36) possible points)		

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Scoring Range

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5. Cultural Competency Plan

Component	Comments	Score
<p>Proposal identifies agency’s strengths, gaps and areas of outreach/expansion in reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access for the community to be served. • Identifies how the community will know about program activities. • Proposal identifies resources in place for requests from communities with limited English proficiency and/or non-literate populations. Proposal describes procedure for choosing interpreters and bilingual staff. (3 points) 		
<p>Cultural competency in staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency Board members reflect a broad representation of the community to be served. • Agency staff, college interns and volunteers reflective of the community to be served. If not, include a plan for achieving representation. • Proposal discusses ongoing professional development and quarterly in-service training for staff, student interns, volunteers and board members related to culturally competent provision of service. Describe past programs and future plans. (3 points) 		
<p>Describes how community members are/will be involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the project.</p> <p>All materials and curricula are reviewed by representatives reflecting the community to be served. Proposal explains how this review is accomplished. (3 points)</p>		
<p>Total points received (out of nine (9) possible points)</p>		

Scoring Range

NONE 0	POOR 1	GOOD 2	EXCELLENT 3
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7. Budget

Component	Comments	Score
The online budget is reasonable and adequate to meet the goals and objectives of the project. The budget narrative explains the proposed line items, including only where applicable in-kind contributions essential to the success of the project. Includes discussion justifying unusual or high cost items. (3 points)		
The cost of the project compared to the potential impact/numbers to be served as a result of the funds requested is appropriate and reasonable. (3 points)		
The online budget demonstrated a staffing pattern that is realistic, appropriate and adequate to carry out the goals and objectives of the project. (3 points)		
Total points received (out of nine (9) possible points)		

PROGRAM COVER PAGE

Ohio Department of Health
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program
Please complete and attach this and all attachment forms in GMIS 2.0.
Budget Period: **October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015**

Project Title: Sexual Assault Services Act Program – Culturally Specific

Authorized User Name/Grant Number: _____

Applicant Agency (Fiscal Agent): _____

Address: _____

Project Director: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____ FAX #: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Web Address: _____

County: _____

Federal Vendor Tax ID Number of Fiscal Agent: _____

Specific community to be served: _____

Proposed service area: _____

Estimated population of specific community members in the proposed service area: _____

Project Budget: \$ _____

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program**

METHODOLOGY/WORK PLAN GUIDELINES

Included in this document you will find the project goal and a listing of the objectives and activities that we ask that you follow. You must select at least two of the suggested impact objectives. If you wish to choose objectives other than the ones listed, please contact Debra Seltzer by email at debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov or by phone at (614) 728-2176.

You can re-create the Work Plan format in your own computer program or email Debra Seltzer at debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov to receive the RFP as a MS Word document

A list of definitions is provided to help you develop your program.

Program Goal: A statement of a future event toward which a committed endeavor is directed. States what should happen as a result of the program. Should be simple and concise, and should include two basic components: who will be affected, and what will change as a result of the program.

Program Objective: A more precise statement that represents smaller steps than the program goal. Outlines the specific changes that will occur in the priority population as a result of exposure to the program. An objective can be thought of as a bridge between needs assessment and a planned intervention. Objectives need to be specific, time-phased, and measurable. There are two types of program objectives: impact and process. In your methodology you will establish each impact objective and usually one or more process objectives related to that impact objective. You should start a new methodology page for each new impact objective.

Impact Objective: Specifies the immediate (within the year) effect the program has on the targeted behaviors or on influential environmental conditions..

Process Objective: Specifies the personnel (who?), the procedure (what?), the location (where?), and the time (when?) requirements of the program components.

In the examples which follow this explanation, there may be multiple process objectives for the same impact objective.

Activities: The actions that will take place to meet the process objectives. There usually will be multiple activities for each process objective.

NOTE: Programs must adhere to the Ohio Core Rape Crisis Standards as established by the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV). Copies of the standards are available from OAESV or online at <http://www.oaesv.org/ohio-core-rape-crisis-standards-2013/>.

AGENCY NAME: _____

Project Goal

Using the following format, insert the specific population, service area, and services to be offered as proposed for your project:

To ensure that all *(identify specific population to be served by the proposed project)* **sexual assault survivors in** *(identify service area for proposed project)* **have access to** *(identify services your program will provide to sexual assault survivors – crisis hotline support, hospital and/or court advocacy, support group, crisis support, and/or counseling)*

Project Impact and Process Objectives:

Select from the below five possible impact objectives and the related process objectives. You must select at least two of the suggested impact objectives.

#1 Impact objective: By (Month/Date/Year), a twenty-four hour rape crisis hotline will be established (or maintained)

Process objective	Activities (specify “when, what, who, how many”	Staff person responsible	Evaluation Plan
1A. Operation of Crisis Hotline – Refers to the operation of a 24 hour telephone service 7 days a week, which provides guidance, emotional support, information and referral, etc			
1B. Provide Basic Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Training – for staff and/or volunteers on sexual assault, including other topics necessary to providing a basic crisis response for victims.			
Examples of activities for these objectives would include recruiting, training, and supervising staff/volunteers to answer crisis calls, maintaining records, publicizing the hotline, maintaining current referral information, developing and distributing materials to survivors and co-survivors, and evaluating client satisfaction.			

#2 Impact Objective: By (M/D/Y), a support group will be established (or maintained)

Process objective	Activities (specify “when, what, who, how many”	Staff person responsible	Evaluation Plan
2A. Provide a Support group – Group Peer Support - Refers to in-person emotional support or education/information provided in a group setting, facilitated by individuals who have completed appropriate and relevant training but are not licensed.			
2B. Provide a Support group – Group Counseling – Refers to services provided by a licensed professional in a group setting, responding to issues arising from the occurrence of victimization.			
Activities would be similar to those listed with objectives #1			

#3 Impact Objective: By (M/D/Y), a hospital advocacy program for survivors of sexual assault will be established (or maintained)

Process objective	Activities (specify “when, what, who, how many”	Staff person responsible	Evaluation Plan
3A. Provide Medical Advocacy – The accompaniment of survivors to the forensic examination or other medical procedures necessitated by sexual assault, and the provision of education to the survivor regarding the healthcare system.			
3B. Provide Medical Advocacy Training to staff or volunteers – specific training in medical advocacy for those who have already completed basic crisis intervention training.			
Activities would be similar to those listed with objective #1, also including establishing relationships with the relevant hospital and law enforcement personnel, establishing protocols regarding the evidence collection process, and training for all service providers involved in this process.			

#4 Impact Objective: By (M/D/Y), a court advocacy program for survivors of sexual assault will be

established (or maintained)

Process objective	Activities (specify “when, what, who, how many”	Staff person responsible	Evaluation Plan
4A. Provide Court/Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy - Refers to in-person or telephone support, assistance, and advocacy provided to victims at any stage of the criminal justice process, including court accompaniment and post-sentencing services and support.			
4B. Provide Court/Criminal Justice Training to staff or volunteers – specific training in criminal justice advocacy for those who have already completed basic crisis intervention training.			
Activities would be similar to those listed with objectives #1 and #3.			

#5 Impact Objective: By (M/D/Y), short term support services will be established and available for survivors of sexual assault.

Process objective	Activities (specify “when, what, who, how many”	Staff person responsible	Evaluation Plan
5A. Provide Emotional Support/Education/Crisis Intervention – Refers to in-person emotional support or education/information provided by individuals who have completed the appropriate and relevant trainings but are not licensed. Such support may occur at the scene of a crime, immediately after a victimization, or be provided for a limited number of sessions. (Also includes Assistance in filing compensation claims, transportation assistance, social service advocacy, and other follow up contact).			
5B. Provide Crisis Counseling - Refers to in-person crisis intervention, emotional support, and guidance and counseling, provided by licensed professionals. Such counseling may occur at the scene of a crime, immediately after a victimization, or for on-going recovery and healing.			
Activities would be similar to those listed with objectives #1 and #3.			

SAMPLE WORK PLAN (EXAMPLE ONLY)

AGENCY NAME: ABC AGENCY

Project Goal

To ensure that all African American and Black sexual assault survivors in ABC County have access to 24 hour sexual assault crisis intervention services, hospital advocacy, and a support group or counseling.

Project Impact and Process Objectives:

#1 Impact objective: By December 31, 2015, a twenty-four hour rape crisis hotline will be established.

Process objective	Activities (specify “when, what, who, how many”	Staff person responsible	Evaluation Plan
1A. Operation of Crisis Hotline	1. By January 1, 2015, ABC Agency will have established a sexual assault crisis hotline.	1. Project Coordinator	1. Review of call reports by phone workers; optional online client satisfaction survey QA review
	2. By January 1, 2015, ABC Agency will begin to publicize the hotline number to the African American and Black community in ABC county.	2. Project Coordinator	2.Summary of outreach efforts
	3.By January 1, 2015, a referral list for survivors calling the ABC Agency will be established.	3.Project Coordinator	3.Review of call reports for gaps.
1B. Provide Basic Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Training	1.By December 31, 2014, all staff and 10 volunteers will receive sexual assault crisis intervention training that meets the OAESV training standards. On-going, train additional staff and volunteers as needed.	1.Project Coordinator and contracted trainers	1.Participant evaluations.