



Nonprofits Vital to Recovery



FOCUS ON SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Nonprofit providers and advocates working to end domestic violence in Washington state are proud to partner with our state's elected officials in the fight to end domestic violence and support the survivors of sexual assault.

However, it was disappointing to see that supporting survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence has not yet been addressed in federal responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Providers are reporting continued high demand on the resources they provide to survivors and these issues are becoming more complex with the anxieties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its response.

Advocates and nonprofits working to end sexual assault and domestic violence need

- **\$100 million into the Sexual Assault Services Program** (SASP/VAWA/DOJ)
- Eliminate match requirements for OCVA, VOCA and VAWA
- **Increase deposits into the Crime Victims Fund**
- **Fund Sexual Assault Services and Prevention** (SASP) in Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- **Increase Family Violence Prevention and Services Act** (FVPSA) (at least \$55 million but that is a low estimate)
- **Eliminate the Match requirement for Victims of Crime Act** (VOCA). Legislative fix to increase funds deposited into Crime Victims Fund (to allow more funds to be distributed via VOCA)

- **Prioritize DV Bonus funds via HUD continuum of Care program** – this is vitally important since DV is a leading cause of homelessness for women and children
- **Fund Culturally specific services**
- **Address the needs of “ineligible” immigrant victims**, left out of COVID 3 – access to Medicaid for testing/care, unemployment insurance, direct payments

Questions

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