

Family Violence Prevention and Services Formula Grants (FVPSA)

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Administering Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families (ACF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

Description: The [Family Violence Prevention and Services \(FVPSA\) formula grants](#) to states and territories fund more than 1,600 local public, private, nonprofit and faith-based organizations and programs demonstrating effectiveness in the field of domestic violence services and prevention.

The funds can be used for shelter, safety planning, crisis counseling, information and referrals, legal advocacy, and additional support services. Court-based advocacy and court-accompaniment services are reported uses of FVPSA funds.

Find your state/local administrator: FYSB lists the state administration offices and their respective websites [here](#).

Amount of available funding: Find FVPSA background and funding information [here](#) (pre-COVID-19).

Matching Requirements: Subgrantees that receive funding must provide a nonfederal match—of not less than \$1 for every \$5 of federal funding—directly from the state or through donations from public or private entities. The matching funds can be in cash or in kind. CARES Act supplemental FVPSA funds do not require a match.

Potential uses: FVPSA provides by [statute](#) for “legal advocacy to assist victims and their dependents.” Legal advocacy is listed as a funding area on the FYSB [website](#) and legal assistance, legal advocacy, legal responses, as well as court accompaniment and court advocacy are reported uses of FVPSA in the [HHS Navigating the FVPSA: A Guide for State and](#)

Territorial Administrators.

The Guide explains that “FVPSA is the primary funding stream for local domestic violence programs to provide core services, including crisis response, safe housing, advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, safety planning and comprehensive support.”

Legal assistance and advocacy are also listed in the definitions section of the guide under Supportive Services: “Supportive services include ... Legal advocacy to provide victims with information and assistance through the civil and criminal courts, and legal assistance.”

Other Helpful Information:

- Funds could potentially be used for technology tools that improve domestic violence services and prevention. CARES Act: provided \$45 million for Family Violence and Prevention Services formula grants without a matching requirement for funds. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided an additional \$180 M for emergency shelter, housing, and other emergency supports, \$18 M for tribes, and \$49.5 M for culturally-specific survivor services. For more information, see press releases from the [National Network to End Domestic Violence \(NNEDV\)](#).
- Congressional Research Service published a report on the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA): Background and Funding April 4, 2019* [here](#).

