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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the State Sexual Assault Grant Program.

State Sexual Assault Grant Program – SANE Non-Fatal Strangulation Assessment Program Pilots SFY 2025 Request for Applications

Eligibility

Competitive Pilot Funding Only

Please Note: SFY2026 allocations may be subject to change pending the availability of funds.

Applicants are limited to agencies located in Georgia that are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this solicitation. This RFA is to assist with the funding of state sexual assault programs with an existing SANE program to conduct non-fatal strangulation assessments for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Applicant agencies should be certified and eligible to receive Local Victim Assistance (LVAP) 5% funds and if applicable, be certified to provide trauma-informed services to trafficking victims by CJCC. Agencies without certification may apply for funding; however, if funding is awarded the agency will have to complete certification requirements prior to drawing down funds. In FY24, the agency must be recognized by the state of Georgia as eligible and in compliance with Georgia State Certification Standards for sexual assault centers in order to receive funding.

Deadline

Applications are due at 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2025

Award Period

March 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: Cynthia Taylor at 404-657-2233 or Cynthia.Taylor@cjcc.ga.gov

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the State will provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact CJCC at 404-657-1956 or email Kristy.carter@cjcc.ga.gov.

Release Date: February 5, 2025

State Sexual Assault Grant Program FY 2025 Request for Applications

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victims' assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of twenty-seven members representing various components of the criminal justice system. CJCC is charged with fiscal and programmatic oversight of the Sexual Assault Grant Programs.

CJCC is soliciting applications for the State Sexual Assault Grant Program for a non-fatal strangulation assessment pilot program. Agencies must submit an application to be considered for funding. Agencies are encouraged to read this entire RFA thoroughly before preparing and submitting their grant application.

I. Overview

The funding source for this solicitation is the Georgia State Appropriations Grant. CJCC will accept applications from sexual assault programs with existing SANE programs for the purpose of providing non-fatal strangulation assessments to sexual assault and domestic violence victims. Education and awareness activities will be accomplished through the provision of trainings, presentations, technical assistance, community outreach, direct service and collaboration.CJCC asks that applicants fully describe how their program will provide these non-fatal strangulation assessments along with the awareness and education activities.

The target population for this RFA is victims of sexual assault, family violence, and domestic violence.

II. Eligibility

Awards are limited to FY 2025 State Sexual Assault Program Continuation Award recipient organizations that have existing onsite SANE programs. Any award made pursuant to this solicitation is dependent upon the receipt and availability of grant awards and any requirements/conditions attached thereto.

An eligible applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization or a public government entity;
- 2. Serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and the point of contact to CJCC;
- 3. Be responsible, liable, and oversee financial, program and post-award reporting requirements;

- 4. Be certified to receive LVAP 5% funds;
- 5. Include onsite forensic medical services in programmatic services offered to victims;
- 6. Recognized as a state funded certified Sexual Assault Center in FY25 and
- 7. If applicable, be a certified Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Organization per SB158.

A. Additional Specific Eligibility Requirements

Each applicant organization shall meet the following requirements:

- **Religion** Grantee programs may not promote, discuss, or teach religion. Program activities and services are required to be accessible to any interested participant, regardless of religious affiliation.
- Federal Criminal Background Checks All Grantees must conduct criminal background checks on all direct service and outreach personnel who have contact with victims of sexual assault. Grantees must use fingerprint background checks to conduct a background check on all direct service and outreach personnel once every three years.
- Internet Security Policy CJCC requires all subgrantees to establish and enforce an Internet Security Policy when minor participants and/or staff have access (supervised or unsupervised) to the Internet. This includes any technology provided by CJCC funding and technology utilized by participants during a CJCC funded program component.
- Comply with CJCC grant requirements Agencies must adhere to financial and programmatic guidelines; comply with deadlines; and provide all information to CJCC as requested in a timely fashion.
- Fiscal Accountability Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subrecipient's accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:
 - **a.** Separate accountability of receipts, expenditures, disbursements and balances. CJCC recommends creating an account in your accounting system for each grant using the grant number provided by CJCC.
 - **b.** Itemized records supporting all grant receipts and expenditures in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
 - **c.** Data and information for each expenditure and match contribution with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
 - **d.** Hourly timesheets describing work activity, signed by the employee and supervisor, to document hours personnel worked on grant related activities.
 - e. Maintenance of payroll authorizations and vouchers.
 - **f.** Maintenance of records supporting charges for fringe benefits.
 - **g.** Maintenance of inventory records for equipment purchased, rented, and contributed.
 - **h.** Maintenance of billing records for consumable supplies (i.e., paper, printing) purchased.
 - i. Provisions for payment by check.
 - j. Maintenance of travel records (i.e., mileage logs, gas receipts).
 - **k.** Lease Agreements, contracts services, and purchases of equipment that adhere to established procurement processes.

- Office of Civil Rights Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302 all recipients of federal funds must be in compliance with EEOP and Civil Rights requirements. Information on required Civil Rights trainings can be found at https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/assistance.htm.
- Nondiscrimination Federal laws prohibit recipients of financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in respect to employment practices but also in the delivery of services or benefits. Federal law also prohibits funded programs or activities from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits. Findings of discrimination must be submitted to the Office for Civil Rights and to CJCC.
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals In accordance with Department of Justice Guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, recipients of federal assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency. For more information access https://www.lep.gov/.
- Equal Employment Opportunity Plans The applicant agency must meet the requirements of 28 CFR 42.301 et seq., Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOP). The plan must cover the grant period specified in the application. If your agency needs technical assistance in preparing an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, please contact the Office for Civil Rights Compliance Specialist, Office of Justice Programs, Washington, D.C., (202) 307-0690.
- Nondisclosure of Confidential or Private Information Eligible agencies must have policies and procedures in place that safeguard the confidentiality of all victim records, contact information, personally identifying information, and other information considered sensitive. Personally identifying information collected in connection with services requested shall not be disclosed. Personally, identifying information shall not be revealed without informed written reasonably time-limited consent. These measures must be consistent with applicable Federal, state, and local laws regarding privacy and confidentiality.
- Help victims apply for compensation benefits- Such assistance may include identifying and notifying crime victims of the availability of compensation, assisting them with the application forms and procedures, obtaining necessary documentation, and/or checking on claim status.
- **Grant Acceptance/Request for Funds** To accept the grant award, each applicant must return all award documents and all required forms with original signatures within 45 calendar days of the award date. The applicant will be unable to request funds until all required documents are returned to the CJCC office.
- **Special Conditions** CJCC will assign special conditions for each approved project. Each subgrantee should refer to their award packet for their special conditions. Applicants agree to comply with all the guidelines set forth by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Any programmatic and fiscal non-compliance may result in a reduction of the award.
- Other Applicants must comply with all forms, assurances, and certifications attached to this RFA. This includes maintaining a DUNS number, EIN, active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM), and other federal forms as requested by CJCC in the award packet.

III. Grant Award Agreement

Grant Award Amount: Any award made pursuant to this solicitation is dependent upon the receipt and availability of grant awards and any requirements/conditions attached thereto. CJCC plans to award up to \$60,000 per program to up to six pilot programs.

Grant Award Period: The grant award period covers March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The funding source is the Georgia State Appropriations. If the funds appropriated are reduced or eliminated by the Georgia State Legislature, CJCC may immediately terminate or reduce the grant award by written notice to the grantee. Termination or reduction will not apply to allowable costs already incurred by the grantee to the extent that funds are available for payment of such costs.

Modification of Funds: CJCC reserves the right to make changes to the application budget at the time of the grant award and will communicate any changes to the applicant. CJCC may negotiate all or part of any proposed budget after award of the grant award agreement due to funding or program requirements provisions.

IV. Reporting Requirements

CJCC requires that subgrantees comply with and fully participate in the financial and programmatic reporting requirements for this grant program.

A. Financial Reporting Requirements

1. Monthly or Quarterly Subgrant Expenditure Requests: Upon accepting the award, each agency is required to indicate whether it agrees to submitting Monthly or Quarterly SERs to CJCC. Monthly SERs are due on the 30th day of the month immediately following the month in which expenses were incurred; i.e., a SER for expenses incurred in July is due by August 30. Quarterly SERs are due on the following dates for the corresponding financial reporting periods:

Quarterly Subgrant Expenditure Reports (SERS)

FINANCIAL REPORTINGPERIOD	DUE DATES
July 1 – September 30	October 30
October 1 – December 31	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30
April 1 - June 30	July 30

Failure to submit these financial reports in a timely manner will significantly delay any SERs submitted within the grant period. Continued delays will result in a staff recommendation to reduce noncompliant agencies' award amounts.

- 2. Grantees are required to maintain expenditure documentation such as signed timesheets, equipment purchases, travel logs, supply purchases, inventory records, and consultant contracts. This documentation may be requested at any time.
- 3. Grantees must attend any scheduled grant management workshop (if required), mandatory meetings, or required trainings prior to the release of grant funds. CJCC is currently planning a strangulation training for state funded sexual assault and domestic violence programs. Attendance is mandatory for awarded pilot programs.

B. Program Reporting Requirements

CJCC requires that grantees comply with and fully participate in the main components of evaluation and program reporting:

- 1. Sexual Assault Statistical Database or Other Database Identified by CJCC: No later than 30 days after the end of each quarter, the grantee will ensure that program data are reported through the Sexual Assault Statistical database or other database identified by CJCC. The grantee will be responsible and liable for reviewing all data entered into the database for completeness, accuracy, and compliance with CJCC reporting requirements which includes programmatic and financial reporting. CJCC will provide a specialized tool and training for data collection that is specific to the pilot program.
- 2. Surveys for Service Outcomes: Surveys that indicate victims have strategies to enhance safety and increased knowledge of community resources.
- 3. *Safety Plans:* Safety plan development that indicates victims have access to safety planning and strategies to enhance safety.
- 4. *Performance Deliverables:* All performance deliverables are due 30 calendar days following the close of the period.

State Sexual Assault Program Performance Deliverables

REPORTING PERIOD	PERFORMANCE DELIVERABLES	DUE DATES
FIRST PERIOD July 1 – September 30	 Fully executed grant award materials Submission of program data through Sexual Assault Statistical database or other database identified by CJCC Completion of Performance Improvement Plan if prescribed by CJCC Attendance at all required meetings and trainings Completion of Progress Reports 	October 30

SECONDPERIOD October 1 – December 31	 Submission of program data through Sexual Assault Statistical database or other database identified by CJCC Completion of Performance Improvement Plan if prescribed by CJCC Attendance at all required meetings and trainings Completion of Progress Reports 	January 30
THIRD PERIOD January 1 –March 31	 Submission of program data through Sexual Assault Statistical database or other database identified by CJCC Completion of Performance Improvement Plan if prescribed by CJCC Attendance at all required meetings and trainings Completion of Progress Reports 	April 30
FOURTH PERIOD April 1- June 30	 Submission of program data through Sexual Assault Statistical database or other database identified by CJCC Attendance at all required meetings and trainings Completion of Performance Improvement Plan if prescribed by CJCC Attendance at all required meetings and trainings Completion of Progress Reports 	July 30

C. Post-Award Requirements

- 1. **Compliance Monitoring** CJCC staff may conduct site visits or desk reviews during the grant period. Additional monitoring activities may also be conducted during the grant year. Site visits and desk reviews will be conducted to monitor the program for implementation and to view program documentation.
- 2. Additional Training, Technical Assistance, and Events CJCC may offer a number of non- mandatory, post-award training and technical assistance opportunities and special events. Grantees will be informed of events via e-mail, and the events will be posted on the CJCC website. CJCC staff also will give ongoing, individual technical assistance and other support activities to sub-grantees as needed or requested throughout the year. CJCC requests that an Executive Director attend at least two quarterly grantee meetings per year.

V. Application Submission Instructions

Applications must be submitted online via Formstack. The link is included below:

FY25 Sexual Assault State Application - SANE Non-Fatal Strangulation Assessment Program - Formstack

Applicants who experience technical difficulties or emergency circumstances should contact Cynthia Taylor at 404-657-2233 or Cynthia.Taylor@cjcc.ga.gov to request an extension or alternate method of applying.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on, February 18, 2025. There is no commitment on the part of CJCC to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested.

All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on allowability, justification and reasonableness.

The application must be completed and submitted in accordance with RFA guidelines for submission or the proposal may be disqualified. Applications for funding will undergo reviews by CJCC staff and the Council. At any point during these reviews, a decision not to fund a project or any part thereof may be made. These decisions are within the complete discretion of CJCC.

A. Applicant Agency

The first form includes basic information about the applicant agency. Applicant will need to add information if the Applicant Agency is not the same as the Implementing Agency.

Please indicate whether or not your agency is registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM), 5% LVAP certified, and if applicable, Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Organization certified. Your agency must be registered in SAM and certified to receive 5% funds before drawing down funds.

B. Designation of Grant Officials

Please include the name, address, phone, fax, and email for the following officials:

1. Project Director- This official must be an employee of the applicant agency or from a contractor organization, at the applicant's option, who will be directly responsible for operation of the project. This person will be the primary contact for the application and the post-award phase.

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- 2. Financial Officer- This official must be the chief financial officer of the applicant agency such as the county auditor, city treasurer, or comptroller.
- 3. Authorized Official- This official is authorized to apply for, accept, decline or cancel the grant for the applicant agency. This person must be the executive director of a state agency, chairperson of the county Board of Commissioners, mayor, or chairperson of the City Council. All official correspondence regarding the grant and the application (assurances, disclosures, certifications, award documentation, subgrant expenditure reports, subgrant adjustment reports) must be signed by the authorized official.
- 4. Executive Director, if not listed as the Project Director.

C. Primary Service Area

Select from the list, the counties in the project primary service area and the congressional districts to be served. Service area is defined as counties in which you actively perform outreach and have relationships with victim service providers, prosecution, law enforcement and/or the courts (i.e. SART protocols, MOUs, etc).

State the number of satellite office(s) the agency operates under the sexual assault program and select the counties the satellite office(s) are located in. Are SANE program services accessible at the satellite offices?

D. Agency Description

The following questions refer to the entire agency and not just the project the agency is applying for.

- Describe the SANE program operated by the agency (i.e. services provided, number of employed SANEs/Contracted SANEs)
- Is your SANE program currently providing non-fatal strangulation assessments on patients who have experienced sexual assault? If so, how many assessments have been provided since July 1, 2023?
- Is your SANE program currently providing non-fatal strangulation assessments for patients who are not reporting a sexual assault but present for an exam due to other violent encounters (i.e. IPV)? If so, how many assessments have been provided since July 1, 2023? How are the patients referred?
- Please list any specific strangulation training your forensic medical personnel have obtained, including those who have obtained the Forensic Nurse Certification Board (FNCB) Interpersonal Violence Strangulation Evaluation (IVSE-C).
- How does the agency propose to provide non-fatal strangulation assessments for victims of domestic violence/family violence? Please describe the agency's relationship with local domestic violence service providers and law enforcement. Are the

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community partners supportive of the non-fatal strangulation assessment pilot program, and willing to refer victims for services? (i.e. letters of support and/or current MOUs are encouraged to illustrate support for pilot services)

- Please list Sexual Assault Response Teams(s) (SART) and/or domestic violence task forces that the agency's staff participates on or leads for each county within the proposed service area. Please also share how often the group meets. If your judicial circuit does not have a formal SART or domestic violence task force, describe applicant's collaboration with community partners within the proposed area. If serving more than one county, please provide the information for each county.
- What trainings have your forensic medical personnel provided to other members of the SART?

F. Budget Forms

Applicants must complete a <u>budget detail worksheet</u>. Staff will review the budget and provide feedback on whether line items are allowable, reasonable and justifiable. Please complete both the budget and narrative section for each category.

The budget narrative should be completed for clarity of expenses requested in the different budget categories. Applicants must provide details on each cost item in the budgets. For example, applicants may not just include a cost item for "Speaker Contracts," the applicant must describe what the event is and its purpose, a brief bio of the speaker, and a justification of including this cost and value added to the grant. Grantees are responsible for obtaining and executing necessary agreements with partners or contractors providing services under this agreement. Documentation and copies of agreements can be requested by CJCC at any time during the contract period.

G. Required Attachments

- Budget Narrative (required)
- Detailed Budget Worksheet (required)
- Supporting Documentation for Budgeted Items (job descriptions, etc.) (not required)
- Other Documents (SART Protocol, MOUs, Letters of Support, etc.) (required)

Allowable and Unallowable Costs

A list of unallowable costs is provided in the attachments.

Supplanting

Funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Certification and Completion

Before you submit, review your application from start to finish to ensure you submit complete and accurate information. To finalize the application, please have the Authorized Official select the checkbox and change the status to application submitted. *Remember to submit the application* when you are finished with this section. If more than one application is submitted for the same agency, CJCC will only accept the most recent application.

VI. Appendix A- Allowable/Unallowable Costs

A. State Funds Allowed Costs

* Prorated share by program activity				
Budget Category	Description			
A. Personnel / Fringe	Regular salaries, FICA, Employee Benefits; permanent hourly labor, temporary/casual labor			
B. Travel	Funds must be budgeted in compliance with State of GA Statewide Travel Regulations (e.g. mileage, meals, lodging, incidentals and airfare) and for business purposes (e.g. training, meetings, etc.)			
C. Equipment	Office equipment required on agency inventory and/or exceed \$5,000			
D. Supplies	Supplies (e.g. office supplies, postage, copier usage, training supplies, publications, audio/video, office furniture, computer software, educational/therapeutic supplies)			
E. Printing	Printed Items (e.g. letterhead/envelopes, business cards, training materials.)			
F. (1) Other Costs	*Office space lease and utilities, telephone, internet charges, pagers, cell phones, repairs/maintenance, insurance and bonding, dues & subscriptions, advertising, registration fees, client assistance			
F. (2) Consultant Fee	Service to be provided by individual. (e.g. 1 hour of therapy)			
F. (3) Contracts	Service to be procured by a contract.			
Type of Expense	Includes but not limited to	Category		
Advertising	Cost to advertise, market program	Other Costs		
Audit	*Fees associated with performance of an audit	Other Costs		
Background Investigation	Background investigations on program staff and volunteers	Other Costs		
Client Assistance/Transportation	Childcare services, cost to transport participants to direct service activities, etc.	Other Costs		
Computer Software	Expense for prepackaged software	Supplies		
Computers, Laptops, Printers	Purpose of computers, laptops, printers <\$1,000 each item	Supplies		
Community Involvement/Support	Community meeting expenses for Program involvement and planning	Other Costs		

Contracts	Agreements for delivery of services evidenced by a written agreement	Contracts
Equipment (office)	Purchase of copier, computer, etc. that does not exceed \$5,000 for each item	Supplies
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	Contracts for maintenance of equipment and costs of repairs	Other Costs
Evaluation	Evaluation evidenced by written agreement	Contracts
Fringe Benefits	Benefits associated with employees, health insurance, FICA, etc.	Personnel
Furniture	Purchase of office furniture > \$5,000 and required on agency inventory.	Equipment
Furniture	Purchase of office furniture < \$5,000	Supplies
Insurance/Bonding	Fidelity bonds on employees and hazard coverage on property	Other Costs
Meetings	Room rental, refreshments, audio visual equipment	Other Costs
Consultant Fee	Fee services provided on an ongoing basis, direct service provider fees	Consultant Fee
Postage	Costs incurred in mailing materials	Supplies
Printing	Letterhead stationery, imprinted envelopes, material for participants	Printing
Salaries	Employee wages; hourly or salaried; permanent or temporary	Personnel
Scholarships	Educational assistance	Other Costs
Speaker Fee	One-time fee for speaking	Contracts
Subscriptions/Memberships	Subscription to job-related publications, memberships in organizations	Other Costs
Supplies (Operations)	All types of consumable materials used in operations	Supplies
Supplies (Program)	Curricula, workbooks, videos	Supplies
Telecommunications/Telephone	*Telephone, internet charges, pagers, cell phones	Other Costs
Training/Conferences	Registration fees or tuition	Other Costs
Travel	Lodging, meals, use of vehicle for job-related activities mileage	Travel
Rent and Utilities	*Real estate rental and utilities (rent cannot be reimbursed by CJCC if the building is owned by grantee/subgrantee or if grantee/subgrantee has substantial financial interest in property)	Other Costs

B. State Funds Unallowed Costs/Activities

UNALLOWED COSTS

Acquisition of land

Bonus or commissions

Cost incurred outside the award period

Construction costs including capital improvements

Corporate formation

Federal employees' compensation and travel

Grant preparation fee

Imputed interest charges (late fees)

Mileage rate may not exceed the travel regulation as published by the State Accounting Office.

Military-type equipment

No income eligibility standard may be imposed upon individuals with respect to eligibility for assistance or service supported with funds provided by this grant. No fees may be levied for assistance or services provided with funds provided by this grant.

Grant funds may not be used as direct payment to any victim

UNALLOWED ACTIVITIES

Direct services may not teach or promote religion

Supplanting funds: Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for direct service activities and must not replace those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Commingling of funds: Physical segregation of cash depositions are not required, however, the accounting system of all contractors and sub-contractors must ensure that agency funds are not commingled with funds from other federal agencies. Each award must be accounted for separately. Commingling of funds is prohibited on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis.

Organized fundraising activities (e.g., campaigns, endowment drives, and solicitation of gifts), which includes the salary of any individual(s) engaged in direct fundraising activity for the organization. An organization may engage in activity to "institutionalize" the CJCC-funded project for sustainability purposes; however, CJCC funds may be used for the purpose of raising funds to finance non-related grant programs and/or complementary program activities.

Political activities including endorsement of any political candidate or party, use of machinery, equipment, postage, stationary, or personnel on behalf of any candidate or any question of public policy subject to referendum, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-20-3(f)

Address or location of any shelter facility assisted with funds provided through this grant must maintain a confidential location and shall not be made public.

No individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject discrimination under this program and shall provide equal provision of services to clients regardless of age, gender (teenage boys and men), sexual orientation, and legally emancipated clients.