

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submission

Semi-annual Performance Report for the Financial Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (FAV Program)

A. Justification

1. Statutorily Mandated Need for Information

The Financial Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (hereinafter referred to as the FAV Program), authorized by federal appropriations acts, supports victim service providers, Tribal governments, and Tribal organizations to provide flexible financial assistance to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Currently, there are different statutory and regulatory reporting requirements that affect FAV Program grantees. VAWA 2000 requires all VAWA grantees, including FAV Program grantees, to report on the effectiveness of their programs to the Attorney General who, in turn, must report to Congress every two years. Section 1003 of VAWA 2000 states that:

(a) REPORT BY GRANT RECIPIENTS. The Attorney General or Secretary of Health and Human Services, as applicable, shall require grantees under any program authorized or reauthorized by this division or an amendment made by this division to report on the effectiveness of the activities carried out with amounts made available to carry out that program, including number of persons served, if applicable, numbers of persons seeking services who could not be served and such other information as the Attorney General or Secretary may prescribe.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.- The Attorney General or Secretary of Health and Human Services, as applicable, shall report biennially to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the grant programs described in subsection (a), including the information contained in any report under that subsection.

34 U.S.C. § 10238.

OVW must also comply with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) (Pub. L. 103-62) which was enacted to increase Congressional and Administrative focus on the results from government programs and activities. Information collected on the semi-annual performance report regarding performance measures, including output measures, that OVW has developed for the different types of FAV Program grantees will enable OVW to meet its reporting obligations under GPRA.

2. Use of Information

OVW uses data from the information collection¹ in different ways. OVW uses the information collected from FAV Program grantees to monitor their grant-funded activities and qualitatively assess those activities. The FAV Program grantees collect information that addresses the following grant-funded activities (different sections on the reporting form): staff; policies; and data collection and communication systems. In addition, FAV Program grantees must answer narrative questions regarding the most significant areas of remaining need regarding improving services to victims/survivors, increasing victims/survivors' safety, and enhancing community response (including offender accountability); and what federal funding has allowed the grantee to do that it could not do prior to receiving the funding. There are also optional narrative questions addressing additional information on the FAV Program grant and/or the effectiveness of the grant and additional information on the data submitted.

In addition to the proposed information collection, OVW will continue to use other techniques to assess the performance of FAV Program grantees. These may include OVW staff attendance at site visits, grant-funded training and technical assistance events, responses to an OVW survey, staff review of products prior to dissemination, and ongoing consultation with OVW staff.

OVW will aggregate data from all FAV Program grantees' performance reports to assess the performance of the program as a whole and to respond to Congressional, Department of Justice, and other inquiries about how FAV Program funds are being used. In addition, information collected from FAV Program grantees will support OVW GPRA measures.

Information collected from the FAV Program grantees will enable OVW to respond to statutory requirements to report on the effectiveness of grant-funded activities. The structure of the Congressional report on the OVW grant programs includes sections that describe all OVW grant programs, the effectiveness of different interventions that are funded by OVW grant programs, and specific topics of interest. The Report also contains specific chapters with more detailed information on each OVW grant program. Much of the data collected helps OVW monitor the grants to ensure that FAV Program funds are being used for the purposes authorized by law and provides important information about the quantity of authorized activities supported by the funds. OVW primarily relies on two sources of information to make sure that grantees are effective. First, OVW collects data from grantees about what they do with VAWA funding; second, to support assessment,

¹ Under a cooperative agreement between OVW and the University of Southern Maine's (USM) Muskie School of Public Service, data collected from OVW grantees on all OVW performance reporting forms is transmitted to USM for analysis. Standard descriptive statistics (frequency, sum, percentage, mean, etc.) are used to describe the characteristics of the grantees and report basic findings.

OVW's research team reviews the body of existing research evaluating effective strategies to combat violence against women. Grantee-reported performance measures and a summary of research are available every two years through OVW's Biennial Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of Grant Programs Under the Violence Against Women Act. See 2024 Biennial Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of Grant Programs Under the Violence Against Women Act. The data that OVW collects on the semi-annual performance reporting forms is currently not used in connection with an evaluation of the FAV Program.

3. Use of Information Technology

The collection of information will involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. OVW grantees are required to submit semi-annual performance reports through the Just Grants Management System, and they prepare their performance reports through a web-based application.

4. Duplication of Information Request

There is no other mechanism by which OVW collects information about funded activities number of victims served, victims seeking services who could not be served or persons trained.

5. Impact on Small Entities

There is no impact on small entities as the collection of this type of information is routinely kept during the normal course of business by grantees receiving funds under the FAV Program.

6. Consequences to Federal Programs or Policy

Through VAWA 2000, Congress mandated that all OVW grantees report to the Attorney General on the effectiveness of their activities funded under VAWA including the number of victims served and the number of victims who could not be served. If OVW could not collect the information necessary to complete these reports on behalf of the Attorney General, not only would it fail to meet a statutorily required reporting mandate, but also the existence of this important and necessary grant program could be jeopardized.

7. Special Circumstances

There are no special circumstances as identified in the specific instructions for a supporting statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions.

8. Federal Register Publication

OVW has consulted with people outside the agency who have advised that the data proposed to be collected is available, the annual collection of such data is not burdensome, the form is clear, and the information is routinely kept by most grantees receiving funds under the FAV Program. OVW has solicited public comment on this form in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act. A 60-day notice was published in the Federal Register on November 21, 2025 (Federal Register, Volume 90, page 52706) and a 30-day notice was published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2026 (Federal Register, Volume 91, page 2969). OVW did not receive any comments in connection with these notices.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

There will be no payment or gifts for respondents.

10. Confidentiality

Although this information is needed for a public report to Congress, it will not involve any personal information about victims that could identify them as specific individuals. However, anecdotal, non-identifying information about the effectiveness of individual programs may be included in the report. There is no assurance of confidentiality.

11. Specific Questions

The semi-annual performance report will not contain any questions of a personal, sensitive nature such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

12. Hour Burden of the Collection of Information

This semi-annual performance report is not overly burdensome. The data collection tool will be completed by approximately 16 FAV Program grantees twice a year as there are two reporting periods — January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31. There will be approximately 32 responses, annually, and it is estimated that it will take grantees no more than one hour to complete the semi-annual performance report form. Thus, the annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden is approximately 32 hours. FAV Program grantees are informed about the reporting requirements during the grant application process and during the grant award process. Because the semi-annual performance report covers a six-month period, grantees cannot complete the form until the end of each reporting period.

The semi-annual performance report is divided into sections that pertain to the different types of activities that grantees may engage in, i.e. training, product development, victim

services. Grantees will only have to complete the sections of the form that relate to their specific activities. OVW is seeking basic information that is routinely kept by FAV Program grantees in the normal course of their operations and OVW grantees are made aware of these requirements upon notification of award acceptance. Thus, the requirement that grantees complete this semi-annual performance report within a period of less than 30 days of receiving it is not overly burdensome.

13. Cost Burden of the Collection of Information

OVW does not believe that there is any annual cost burden on respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection of this information. OVW does not anticipate that any respondents will incur any costs from this collection, including costs from developing, operating, and maintaining data collection and retention systems, that they would not otherwise incur in the absence of this collection.

14. Annualized Costs to the Federal Government

The annualized costs to the Federal Government resulting from the OVW staff review of the performance reports submitted by grantees are estimated to be \$1,855.00.

15. Program Changes or Adjustments

This is an information collection that is necessary for OVW and its FAV Program grantees to comply with the statutory reporting requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 10238 and the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62).

16. Published Results of Information Collections

There will be no complex analytical techniques used in connection with the publication of information collected under the request. Information will be gathered twice a year at the end of the reporting periods, January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31. OVW is statutorily required to submit a report on the effectiveness of grant-funded activities on a biennial basis.

17. Display of the Expiration Date of OMB Approval

OVW will display the Expiration Date of OMB Approval in the upper right-hand corner of the semi-annual performance report.

18. Exception to the Certification Statement

OVW is not seeking any exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19, Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions, of OMB Form 83-I.

