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Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$2.6 Million in Violence Against Women Act Funding

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and Secretary of Public Safety Daniel Bennett announced 41 grants totaling nearly \$2.6 million that have been awarded to community-based organizations, police departments, and state agencies through the Violence Against Women Act, Services Training Officers Prosecutors (VAWA STOP) program.

The awards follow the Baker-Polito Administration’s decision earlier this year to re-launch the Governor’s Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

“The Violence Against Women Act allows for innovative and collaborative approaches to address the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking,” **said Governor Baker**. “We are proud to provide these awards to entities that have demonstrated expertise and results in their respective program areas across the Commonwealth.”

“Community-based agencies, police departments, and state agencies know what works best for programs in their communities,” **said Lieutenant Governor and Council Chair Karyn Polito**. “These grants will support organizations that offer support to survivors, hold offenders accountable, and prevent domestic and sexual violence throughout the Commonwealth.”

“These grants offer strong support for our community-based agencies, police departments and state agencies to provide financial assistance to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution strategies, and victim services in domestic violence and sexual assault cases,” **said Secretary Bennett**.

This program is offered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and

Research (OGR).

Category of Funding	Grant Recipient	FY15 Recommended Award	Project Description
Courts	Executive Office of the Trial Court	\$141,488.79	Training for judges, clerks of court, probation officers, and all other appropriate court personnel
	Category Total	\$141,488.79	
Discretionary	Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance	\$14,718.00	SAFEPLAN court advocacy for 209A and 258E orders
Discretionary	Finex House	\$42,649.00	Services for trafficked victims
Discretionary	Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project	\$39,243.00	Mental health clinician to provide counseling services
Discretionary	Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)	\$40,714.50	Culturally competent services to Portuguese- & Cape Verdean Creole-speaking victims
Discretionary	Our Deaf Survivors Center	\$39,243.00	Direct advocacy services to Deaf survivors
Discretionary	Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center	\$43,618.08	Direct services, and training and technical assistance to providers working with Muslim/African victims
Discretionary	Womanshelter/Companeras	\$36,888.60	Direct services
	Category Total	\$257,074.18	
Discretionary (PREA Penalty)	Massachusetts Department of Correction	\$132,780.60	Sexual assault victim services to inmates
	Category Total	\$132,780.60	

Prosecution	Bristol County District Attorney's Office	\$116,351.25	Victim Witness Advocates
Prosecution	Massachusetts Department of Public Health	\$119,480.00	SANE forensic nursing services
Prosecution	Massachusetts District Attorneys Association	\$109,930.88	Statewide prosecutor training
Prosecution	Norfolk County District Attorney's Office	\$109,277.90	Specialized Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Prosecutors
Prosecution	Northwestern District Attorney's Office	\$104,269.36	Immediate law enforcement and advocacy response for victims
Prosecution	Worcester County District Attorney's Office	\$99,264.41	Prosecutor and victim witness advocate team
	Category Total	\$658,573.80	
Law Enforcement	Adams Police Department	\$18,404.07	Civilian Police Advocate
Law Enforcement	Assumption College Police Department	\$20,148.75	Civilian Police Advocate Sexual Assault Support Program
Law Enforcement	Bedford Police Department	\$34,319.14	Civilian Police Advocate
Law Enforcement	Boston Police Department	\$53,730.00	Civilian Police Advocate
Law Enforcement	Behavioral Health Network	\$26,865.00	Civilian Police Advocate
Law Enforcement	Chelsea Police Department	\$24,268.05	Civilian Police Advocate Detective Investigation Overtime
Law Enforcement	City of Worcester	\$48,488.25	Partnership between PD and YWCA advocates
Law Enforcement	Dove, Inc.	\$66,398.25	Civilian Police Advocates
Law Enforcement	Fitchburg Police Department	\$44,775.00	Civilian Police Advocate
Law Enforcement	Mashpee Police	\$28,656.00	Civilian Police

	Department		Advocate
Law Enforcement	Massachusetts Department of Public Health	\$113,951.84	SANE forensic nursing services
Law Enforcement	Oak Bluffs Police Department	\$17,793.59	Civilian Police Advocate
Law Enforcement	Pittsfield Police Department	\$38,506.50	Civilian Police Advocate
Law Enforcement	Salisbury Police Department	\$37,563.30	Partnership between PD and Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center
Law Enforcement	Springfield Police Department	\$57,312.00	Civilian Police Advocates
Law Enforcement	Stanley Street Treatment and Resources, Inc.	\$26,865.00	Civilian Police Advocate
	Category Total	\$658,044.74	
Victim Services	Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	\$39,846.65	Increase survivors' access to accurate forensic information: hotline/website/training
Victim Services	Boston Medical Center - Domestic Violence Program	\$67,506.62	Multi-lingual direct advocacy services
Victim Services	Community Legal Aid	\$62,774.40	Legal services
Victim Services	Community Legal Services & Counseling Center	\$40,419.07	Legal services
Victim Services	Elizabeth Freeman Center	\$31,597.45	Trauma informed services for homeless/battered victims
Victim Services	Independence House, Inc.	\$62,774.40	Crisis intervention, safety planning, advocacy, group and individual counseling
Victim Services	Jewish Family & Children's Services	\$23,587.68	Advocacy Russian-speaking victims while conducting trainings for community partners and law enforcement

Victim Services	Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance	\$144,864.00	SAFEPLAN court advocacy for 209A and 258E orders.
Victim Services	Pathways for Change, Inc.	\$90,462.74	Direct services to survivors of sexual violence who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, and deaf/blind
Victim Services	Safe Passage, Inc.	\$91,747.20	Counseling, advocacy, and legal assistance for Latina/immigrant survivors
Victim Services	The Network/La Red	\$62,774.40	Outreach, education and training to improve systems and community responses to LGBTQ/T survivors
Victim Services	YWCA of Greater Lawrence	\$33,147.14	Supports sexual assault survivors ages 12-24
	Category Total	\$751,501.76	
	Total Amount to Be Awarded (all categories)	\$2,599,463.86	

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