

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**RECOVERY ACT
STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA
GRANT (STOP VAW)**

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1. Describe how the State plans to make its Recovery Act sub-grant awards.

The State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division is the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the Recovery STOP Grant. OPM CJPPD will post a draft copy of the STOP Recovery Implementation Plan on the State's website [Connecticut Recovery Initiative](#) and request comments on proposed projects. OPM will also provide a FAQ section that addresses the solicitation and use of the Recovery funds. After a defined period of consideration and posting for comments, the Implementation Plan will be replaced by an announcement of grant opportunities.

The Grant Solicitation is a competitive procurement document that will solicit identified services in an open and fair process, where all responsible sources have an equal opportunity to pursue, and possibly win, a contract to provide these services.

Interested parties will submit written proposals in response to the agency's solicitation. The submitted proposals will be evaluated and rated according to how well the proposal meets the criteria identified in the Grant Solicitation.

2. Describe how the State will consider creation and preservation of jobs as a factor in making its sub-grant awards.

In an effort to meet with the intent of the Recovery Act, the State of Connecticut may retain and expand on current projects resulting in the retention of positions and addition of new positions at the sub-grantee level. The State may also look at the implementation of new projects that will create employment opportunities through sub-grantees.

When determining the awarding of grants for specific projects, OPM will take into account the expanded employment opportunities offered by each suitable applicant.

3. Describe how the State will maximize competition among applicants.

OPM will use the standard internal procedures for soliciting competitive grant proposals by sending notification of grant opportunities through the mail to non-government, non-profit and community based service providers, as well as posting the same on the Department of Administrative Services web page and OPM and/or State Recovery web site.

4. Describe how the State will monitor the use of grant funds to ensure compliance with the goals and requirements of the Recovery Act.

OPM currently has a progress reporting process in place that requires sub-grantees to provide statistical and programmatic information on a quarterly basis. The SAA staff will revise the standard reporting process to address the specific requirements of the RECOVERY Act. A new specialized reporting form will be used to collect data required by the RECOVERY Act, including data on jobs and economic stimulus. These new forms will include the other OVW required data which is usually submitted with the STOP Annual Report. In addition, the reporting schedules will be shortened to comply with the new quarterly reporting requirements for the Recovery Act. Our standard grant programs allow sub-grantees 30 days to submit quarterly reports; this submission deadline will be shortened to within five days of the end of the quarter for the Recovery Act sub-grants.

In order to ensure transparency and accountability, Connecticut has established a state-based website for information and updates on all Recovery Act funded projects and contracts [Connecticut Recovery Initiative](#). All Recovery Act STOP grant contractors, proposals, announcements, applications and documents must be posted on the State Recovery website [Recovery: Certifications/Applications](#); this includes all sub-grantees and sub-contractors' quarterly progress and financial reports.

OPM grant administrators will conduct more frequent site visits for compliance monitoring of Recovery Act sub-grantees with a particular focus on the goals and requirements of the Recovery Act. The sub-grantee and any parties they have contracted for grant activities are interviewed to

determine if there are any issues with grant compliance, files are reviewed and a compliance check-list is completed. If necessary a mitigation plan is created for any project related issues.

5. Summarize how administrative funds will be used to achieve the specific goals of this funding.

The SAA will retain 10% of the total federal grant award to support the administration and monitoring activities of the SAA staff. This may include: solicitation for project proposals; review of submitted proposals; development, issuing and reviewing of all required OPM and OVW reporting forms; technical and programmatic assistance to sub-grantees; site monitoring; issue resolution; submissions to USDOJ of reports and oversight of financial functions. The SAA staff will conduct more frequent outreach and monitoring of Recovery Act sub-grantees. In addition, the SAA staff will post the quarterly financial reports and progress reports to the state recovery website. Staff supported by the administrative funds will develop specialized monitoring and data collection tools for the Recovery Act funded projects to ensure collection of documentation of jobs and economic stimulus.

The activities identified above will ensure that the projects supported by the Recovery Act funds will meet the intended goals for the purpose areas identified in the State's Recovery STOP Grant Implementation Plan.

Required attachments to the STOP Recovery and Reinvestment Application are as follows:

1. Letters regarding grant funds from prosecution, law enforcement, court and victim services programs that demonstrate the need for the grant funds, the intended use of the grant funds, expected results from use of the grant funds and demographic characteristics of the populations served.
2. Letters demonstrating the commitment for participation by nonprofit, nongovernmental victim-services programs in the development of the Recovery Grant Implementation Plan.

3. Letters documenting past consultation with victim services programs during the development of grant applications in order to ensure that proposed activities and equipment acquisitions are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.
4. Certification of Compliance with the Statutory Eligibility requirements of the Violence Against Women Act.
5. Letter of non-supplanting certifying that federal funds will not be used to supplant State or local funds.