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RECOVERY ACT
STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM
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Domestic Violence Program Office
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**Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families,
and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.**



Violence Against Women Act

- Passed in 1994, reauthorized most recently in 2005
- Overarching purpose: coordinated community response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking to increase safety for victims and hold perpetrators accountable
- VAWA STOP is a formula grant to the states – 25% for law enforcement, 25% for prosecutors, 30% for victims, 15% discretionary and 5% for courts
- In Florida, direct 15% discretionary to the victim services allocation



Recovery Act Allocation

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides 6.9 million for the VAWA STOP Program in Florida

Courts	313,949
Law Enforcement	1,569,747
Prosecution	1,569,747
Victim Services	3,170,169
Administrative	353,040



Recovery Act Program Plan

- Developed needs survey and distributed to 300+ providers and potential providers
- Reviewed recent survey of 100 certified domestic violence center participants from the Listening Project and based on information in both surveys, developed plan for allocation of stimulus funding
- Surveys from providers rated the need for direct services as the most pressing need for the state
- Domestic violence center participants from the Listening Project identified additional legal services as their most critical unmet need



Recovery Act Program Plan

- Law Enforcement
Expanded/enhanced law enforcement InVEST Projects – Partnership with Attorney General’s Office, Department of Children and Families and the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

- Broward County Sheriff’s Office
- Collier County Sheriff’s Office
- Pasco County Sheriff’s Office
- Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office
- Suwanee County Sheriff’s Office
- Sarasota Police Department
- Oviedo Police Department
- City of Orlando Police Department
- Alachua County Sheriff’s Office



Recovery Act Program Plan

- Court
Domestic violence advocate from the local certified center collocated at the Dependency/Drug court in circuit 3. The advocate will provide training, case oversight, liaison activities, coordinate with BIP, participate on drug court team and related activities.
- State Attorneys
17 of 20 participate in VAWA STOP program. Provide victim advocate services, criminal investigator, and/or DV/SA trained prosecutor



Recovery Act Program Plan

- Victim Services

- CPI Project

- Domestic violence advocate collocated in Sheriff's Office that perform child protection investigative function

- Manatee

- Pinellas

- Broward

- Pasco

- Seminole

- Hillsborough

- Citrus

- Legal Services

- Expands legal services to domestic violence victims through certified domestic violence centers

- Direct Client Services

- 11 projects funded for direct DV/SA and Stalking services