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**Family Violence Prevention Program Shelter and Non-shelter Supportive Services for
Survivors of Domestic /Intimate Partner /Dating Violence and their Dependents
(RFA): JA-FSA-0733-22**

Announcement Date: June 15, 2021

RFP Release Date: June 16, 2021

Pre-application Conference Date: June 30, 2021

Application Submission Deadline: July 19, 2021

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The District of Columbia, Department of Human Services, Family Services Administration invites the submission of applications for funding through the Family Violence Prevention Program to provide Emergency Shelter and Supportive Services, Non-Residential Counseling, Case Management, Supportive Services, and Education and Outreach Services for survivors of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and dating violence and their dependents. The total amount available for the solicitation is up to \$730,394.00.

Purpose/Description of the Project: The District of Columbia (District), Department of Human Services (DHS), Family Services Administration (FSA), is recompeting the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA) funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. DHS administers the federal FVPSA state grant for the District in partnership with the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCCADV). FVPSA provides funding to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of program and projects that 1) prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; 2) provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community-based programs for survivors of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents; and 3) provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, underserved populations, and victims who are members of racial and ethnic minority populations [42 U.S.C. §10406].

Nearly 1 in 4 women and about 1 in 3 men experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Nearly 56% of men who were victims of contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner first experienced these or other forms of violence by that partner before age 25.¹

Domestic Violence (DV) is a world-wide epidemic affecting individuals in every community regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. The effects of the trauma caused by DV can lead to life-long physical and mental health consequences including central nervous system problems, low birth weight in babies born to those who experienced intimate partner violence of contracting sexually transmitted

¹ DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence. <https://dccadv.org/resources/fact-sheets-and-statistics/>



diseases, and mental health conditions such as depression, self-harm, and suicide.² In the District, DV is one of the leading causes of homelessness. The District's 2020 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness shows that over one-third of adults in families and twenty percent (20%) of unaccompanied single adults experiencing homelessness also report a history of DV. Forty percent (40%) of these individuals reported DV as the cause of their most recent episode of homelessness.³

Survivors of DV are also more likely to experience financial instability. Economic abuse is commonly used by perpetrators of DV to control their partner or prevent their partner from leaving the relationship. Perpetrators may control their partner's ability to access money or financial benefits, or they may purposefully sabotage their partner's employment, credit score, or ability to be self-sufficient. For these reasons, survivors may rely on financial assistance or support after leaving an abusive relationship or may need access to economic support to be able to leave their abusive partner.⁴

This funding opportunity is divided into three categories of services: 1) emergency shelter and supportive services; 2) non-residential counseling, case management, and supportive services; and 3) education and outreach services for survivors of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and dating violence and their dependents. No income eligibility standard may be imposed upon individuals with respect to eligibility for assistance or services supported with funds appropriated to carry out this chapter. No fees may be levied for assistance or services provided with funds appropriated to carry out this chapter [42 U.S.C. §10406 (c) (3)].

Eligibility: To be eligible to receive a subgrant from a State under 42 U.S.C. § 10408(c), an entity shall be— (1) a local public agency, or a nonprofit private organization (including faith-based and charitable organizations, community-based organizations, tribal organizations, and voluntary associations), that assists victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, and has a documented history of effective work concerning family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence; or (2) a partnership of 2 or more agencies or organizations that includes— (A) an agency or organization described in paragraph (1); and (B) an agency or organization that has a demonstrated history of serving populations in their communities, including providing culturally appropriate services.

Length of Grant Award and Available Funding: The Grantee(s) will be awarded funding based on their capacity to meet the requirements of the program. The award period for the grant will be from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. The amount available for up to seven

² de Boinville. Screening for Domestic Violence in Health Care Settings. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/screening-domestic-violence-health-care-settings#:~:text=Universal%20Screening%3A%20In%20this%20brief,risk%20factors%20or%20warning%20signs>.

³ Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington: Results and Analysis from the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness. file:///C:/Users/madeleine.solan/Downloads/2020_PIT_report_FINAL_rev_6-22-20.pdf

⁴ Institute for Women's Policy Research. *Intersections of Domestic Violence and Economic Security*. Accessed at <https://iwpr.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/B362-Domestic-Violence-and-Economic-Security-1.pdf>



Grantees for the project is up to approximately \$730,394.00 for one base year and two option years, subject to funding availability.

RFA Release: The RFA will be released on June 16, 2021. A copy of the RFA may be obtained by the following means:

Download from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website under the District Grants Clearinghouse (<http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>).

Email a request to Christian Howard with “Request copy of RFA # JA-FSA-0733-22” in the subject line.

Deadline for Applications: The deadline for application submissions is July 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM EST. The applications shall be submitted via email to Christian Howard at christian.howard@dc.gov. Late or incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the review panel.

For additional information, contact Christian Howard at christian.howard@dc.gov.