

OVW Abuse in Later Life Program Overview

Administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life (Abuse in Later Life) Program supports a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older.

Approximately 8–9 communities are funded each year. The maximum funding request for new projects is \$750,000 to be used over four years.

The aim of this award is to address abuse in later life by:

- Providing training and cross training
- Establishing or supporting a Coordinated Community Response (CCR)
- Providing or enhancing victim services

“The [Abuse in Later Life] Program has been a godsend to our small, economically depressed community in Southeast Michigan. Already the community is reaching out to survivors of elder abuse in a new way and [has] provided more comprehensive wraparound services that it could not have provided absent this grant.”

– Lakeshore Legal Aid, St. Clair County, MI (FY09 grantee)

Eligible Applicants

States; units of local government; tribal governments or tribal organizations; population specific organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age; victim service providers with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and state, tribal, or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions.

Required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Partners

Each grantee must have multidisciplinary partnerships with four required MOU partners:

- Law enforcement agency
- Prosecutors’ office
- Nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals in later life
- Victim service provider

Additional Information

Office on Violence Against Women

website: www.justice.gov/ovw

The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), Technical

Assistance Provider to OVW Abuse in Later Life grantees since 2002.

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