



## Questions and Answers

### FY2026 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Responses to questions will be posted to this document within 7 calendar days of receipt.

The deadline for receipt of written questions is **June 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit your questions to [mbcc@mt.gov](mailto:mbcc@mt.gov).

**ATTENTION:** This funding opportunity is for grant funding that the Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) administers that originates from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). To continue program activities designed to maintain public safety services, MBCC has determined that it will proceed with this funding opportunity. MBCC anticipates that new grant guidance may be issued in 2026 to reflect USDOJ's revised policies and priorities. New USDOJ guidance could change the terms and conditions and the availability of funding for any grants that are executed from this funding opportunity. MBCC will share new grant conditions, guidance, and requirements with all grantees as they become available. In some instances, executed grant awards may be revised or cancelled.

**Q1:** Under VAWA do we need to have a match?

**A1:** Match contributions of 25% (cash or in-kind) of the total cost of the STOP VAWA project (federal funds plus local match) are required and must be derived from non-federal sources. All funds designated as match are restricted to the same uses as the federal funds and must be expended within the grant period. Federally Recognized Tribes and victim services providers are not required to provide match.

**Q2:** Are there formatting requirements, i.e. font, font size, margins, double spaced, max number of pages etc. for this grant application?

**A2:** No, there are no formatting requirements for your grant application.

**Q3:** Please explain the language in the RFP that has the following paragraph under this section.

*"Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10446(d)(2)-(5), applicants also must provide a brief description of the status of their compliance with the statutory requirements in 34 U.S.C. §§ 10449, 10450, 10451, and 10454 (as implemented in 28 C.F.R. §§ 90.13-90.16) and submit copies of any legislative or administrative rule changes regarding these requirements that have occurred since submission of the state's or territory's last application for STOP funds. Applicants must answer the questions included in the STOP solicitation."*



**A3:** This is a requirement only for prosecutors funded by VAWA:

If you are applying for STOP funds, you must do three things in your application:

- Give a quick update: Briefly describe how your state or territory is following the federal rules listed in the legal codes.
- Show what changed: If your state or territory has made any new laws or administrative rule changes regarding these requirements since your last application, attach copies of them.
- Answer the prompt: Fill out all the specific questions included in the STOP solicitation document.

**Q4:** From the state level, have there been any legislative or administrative rule changes since spring of 2025?

**A4:** There haven't been administrative or statutory rule changes directly modifying how Montana handles forensic exam billing, protection order filing fees, or victim polygraphs

**Q5:** The EEO website indicates the site is currently removed and EEO plan collections are paused. Do we just print that page in place of the actual certification?

**A5:** Yes, please use a screenshot in place of the EEOP certificate.