Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant

Purpose
The Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program supports efforts that ensure the criminal justice system works more effectively for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The goal of the program is to increase the safety of victims in every county, while enhancing the collaboration between law enforcement, prosecutors, court systems and victim advocates.

Strategic Goal
Mobilize and enhance local assets that strengthen community ability to meet the economic and social needs of Washington’s families, workers and employers.

Results and Achievements
The STOP Program administered 94 grants with service providers in 2010. With these grants:
- Prosecutors filed 354 domestic violence charges, 111 violations of court orders including parole, probation, and protection orders, and, with assistance provided by prosecution staffs, 242 protection orders were granted to domestic violence victims.
- Law enforcement trained 983 officers on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking topics, laws, and procedures to increase victim safety, offender accountability, and evidence collection.
- Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in every county have a community-based victim service advocate to assist them. With support provided by community-based advocates, protection orders were granted to 1,081 domestic violence victims, 51 sexual assault victims, and 19 victims of stalking.

Services
STOP grant funds support advocacy, crisis intervention, equipment, information and referral, shelter, specialized crime units, therapy, training, and outreach to marginalized populations.

Statutory Authority
The Violence Against Women and United States Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, Public Law Number 109-162.

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Fast Facts
- STOP funds support services to adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, and the children of victims.
- Grant requirements foster a coordinated community response and cooperation amongst victim advocates, law enforcement and prosecutors. Multi-disciplinary teams operate in every county in Washington.