

LANCASTER COUNTY GRANT FORM

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1. Funding source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
2. Grant due date: Jan. 27, 2020
3. Amount requested: \$500,000
4. Other sources of funding anticipated: None
5. Project Contact: Sara Hoyle
Phone Number: 402-441-6868
6. Number of years grant will run if funded: 3 years from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2023.
7. This grant is: New Continuation
8. General purpose for grant: (2-3 sentences)
This grant seeks to:
 - Improve investigations of adult sexual assault crimes, including sex-based trafficking cases and intimate partner sexual violence by hiring a fulltime LPD sexual assault investigator.
 - Improve advocacy for sexual assault, intimate partner violence, trafficking and sexual violence-related stalking by hiring advocates at Voices of Hope and a .7 FTE advocate with LPD's Victim Assistance Unit.
 - Improve the response to sexual assault in the county through training.
 - Improve the county's coordinated response with improved investigations, advocacy, prosecutions and outreach.
9. Attach a one page summary of grant.
10. Attach a one page budget of grant.

	Total
Voices of Hope	\$85,329
Family Violence Council	61,552
LPD	251,886
LPD Victim Assistance	87,303
Training	10,000
Indirect to county	3,930
Total	\$500,000

This grant application is to the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program (ICJR). The application is for three years and a total of \$500,000. If funded, the grant period would be Oct. 1, 2020 through Sept. 30, 2023.

The focus of this grant is to improve the county's coordinated response to adult sexual assault including trafficking and intimate partner sexual violence primarily by improving investigations and advocacy. The grant also provides money for training that will be shared by members of the county's Sexual Assault Response Team.

Project partners are the Lincoln Police Department (LPD), Voices of Hope (VOH), and the Family Violence Council (FVC).

The new LPD sexual assault investigator position would mirror a longstanding Domestic Violence investigator position at LPD that has been annually funded primarily through an OVW STOP grant since 1996.

This new Sexual Assault investigator will review all adult sexual assault cases, coordinate follow up, investigate cases, provide feedback and assistance to other investigators/officers, be a liaison with prosecutors, advocacy groups, medical partners and others. The investigator will train others on sexual assault investigations using a trauma-informed approach.

The SA investigator will also work closely with LPD's Victim Assistance Unit (VA), VOH and others to improve victim safety and experience with the criminal justice system.

The grant improves advocacy by creating .7 FTE in LPD's Victim Assistance Unit to provide advocacy, outreach and referrals to victims of adult sexual assault, sex trafficking, intimate partner sexual violence and sexual violence-related stalking. The grant will also partially fund three fulltime advocates, including the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, the Advocacy Coordinator and a bilingual advocate as well as VOH on-call advocates to provide advocacy services.

The new sexual assault investigator and the VA sexual assault advocate will serve on the SART along with the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator to work with that group to improve the county's coordinated response.

Lancaster County will contract with FVC for its executive director to serve as project coordinator. FVC coordinates the county's SART and has managed most CRT-related grant-funded projects. FVC will be responsible for planning local grant-funded training and insuring partners attend appropriate national trainings.