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Court	Administrative Office of the Courts	Anne Jordan Esq. 171 State House Station 24 Stone Street Augusta, ME 04333 https://www.courts.maine.gov/maine_courts/admin/index.shtml	<p>This grant request seeks funding to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Print 10,000 English copies of the Guide to the Protection from Harassment and Protection from Abuse Process in Maine (Maine Judicial Branch, Rev. May 2018) for distribution to Maine law enforcement agencies, the cadets at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and through the Lawyer Referral Service at the Maine State Bar Association. Law enforcement will then have the guides readily available to distribute at the scene of domestic violence and sexual assault cases to victims thereby providing them information to better guide them to these services pursuant to the provisions of 19-A M.R.S. § 401 2(6)(C) (Protection from Abuse) and 5 M.R.S. § 4 660-A(4)(C) (Protection from Harassment); 2. Translate this publication into the 8 most common languages used in the Maine Court systems as well as into three additional emerging languages, Lingala, Tagalog and Bengali. The translated Guides will then be printed (300 each of French, Somali, Arabic and Spanish and 200 each of the other languages) and distributed to those law enforcement agencies that have requested the Guides in specific languages present in their communities. Additional Guides in each of the languages will be made available at each of the Courthouses. <p style="text-align: right;">Funding also provided in FY 16 Funds CT-01-18 \$12,456.25</p>
Court	Administrative Office of the Courts	Anne Jordan Esq. 171 State House Station 24 Stone Street Augusta, ME 04333 https://www.courts.maine.gov/maine_courts/admin/index.shtml	<p>The Maine Judicial Branch (MJB) seeks funding for four specific projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specialized training for MJB Service Providers on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Maine's Immigrant and Refugee Communities- The MJB wishes to put on a day long training seminar for court rostered Mediators (175), GALS (guardian ad litem) (184), Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteers (100), Interpreters (71) and Court Clerks (75) that educates them on the specific needs and challenges of victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in the immigrant and refugee community. 2. Update, printing and translation of the Protection from Abuse (PA) and Harassment (PH) Brochure "First Steps in the PA/PH Process'. The MJB wishes to update, translate and print for distribution (12,000 copies) of the tri-fold "First Steps in the PA/PH process" brochure. 3. Create, publish and distribute a Bench Quick Reference Card- The two-sided card will provide a guide to be used which will explain which request, PA or PH, is appropriate for the circumstances while

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			<p>This proposal seeks funding to pay for consultants to assist in writing the biennial report. A portion of the funding requested would also be used to pay for services rendered to design and create the cover of the report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-08-17 \$1681.98</p>
Discretionary Victim Services	Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence	<p>Francine Stark One Weston Court, Box #2 Augusta, ME 04330</p> <p>https://www.mcedv.org/</p>	<p>A preferred service model is the direct answering of calls to the crisis and support line. This was not possible in the former model. To implement this preferred model of direct answering of calls, funding was secured through the initial application for this project for the employment of two daytime crisis and support line (CASL) advocates to be hired in October 2016, once a statewide sexual assault crisis and support line that all six centers would utilize, with one vendor instead of six facilitating the calls, was established. We are requesting funding to extend this service (which is currently funded for thirty hours per week) to full-time (forty hours per week), and for an additional three months.</p> <p>Also funded in Victim Services Category VS-11-17 \$2362.45</p>
Discretionary Victim Services	Sexual; Assault Response Services of Midcoast Maine	<p>Arian G. Clements PO Box 990 Brunswick, ME 04011</p> <p>https://www.sassmm.org/</p>	<p>Our efforts providing services and improving sexual violence community response systems, rely on the quality relationships we have developed through our 34 years of history. SASSMM knows the value of these relationships and sees the efforts of its Rural Advocates as fundamental to further building connections and educating service providers within the broader rural communities in Knox and Waldo Counties. This effort would be significantly enhanced with the addition of a dedicated K/W SART Advocate and their coordination of service delivery and SART collaboration and training of specific systems partners (legal, law enforcement, and medical).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-12-17 \$43,099.00</p>
Discretionary Victim Services	Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine	<p>Rosie DiBella P.O. Box 1371 Portland ME 04104</p> <p>http://www.sarsonline.org/</p>	<p>The proposed project is to continue the employment of one full time Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Advocate over a 15v month period. This SART Advocate will have specialized expertise in anti-trafficking work to enhance existing programming, which relies on continuity of relationships with provider and clients to be successful. This SART Advocate will focus efforts on survivors who identify as homeless. In both areas of service provision, trust and continuity are significant factors in building relationships and better outcomes for survivors.</p> <p>This position will also seek to build, coordinate, and enhance relationships with individuals and organizations across various systems that respond to</p>

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			sexual violence – law enforcement, prosecution, civil legal systems, health care, homeless services, trafficking Services and more – as well as provide advocacy and accompaniment to survivors as they move through these systems following sexual violence. VS-13-17 \$9,654.00
Law Enforcement	Waldo County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff Jeffrey Trafton 6 Public Safety Way, Belfast, ME 04915 http://www.waldocountyme.gov/wso/index.html	The Waldo County Sheriff's Office proposes to continue the services of a full-time DV Detective who will be responsible for coordinating law enforcement personnel, victim services, media outlets, community resources and similar entities to ensure a consistent and effective response to domestic violence is employed throughout Waldo County. The DV Detective is directly responsible to the Patrol Lieutenant at Waldo County Sheriff's Office. Maintaining a DV Detective in Waldo County will align with other Sheriff Offices in the Midcoast region (Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc counties) who have a similar position to investigate all cases involving domestic violence.\br/> LE-04-17 \$53,892.00
Law Enforcement	Lewiston Police Department	Detective Sergeant Roger Landry 171 Park St Lewiston ME 04240 http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/index.aspx?nid=141	To supplement its Domestic Violence Initiative, the Lewiston Police Department is requesting grant funds to continue the Proactive Response Team (PRT), modeled after other successful programs nationwide. The Proactive Response Team typically consists of two sworn officers, in addition to the Domestic Violence Coordinator (DVC), with the goal of following up with 350 Victims in a 12-month period. The PRT works to connect victims with existing community resources and support systems such as Safe Voices, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, and the Department of Health and Human Services to help them break away from their abusers. PRT Officers will speak with the victim(s) to determine if violations of court orders have occurred. Neighbors are instructed on how to report and encouraged to do so immediately if a violation is occurring. If a violation is determined to have occurred, the abuser(s) will be arrested in a timely manner and brought before the court. The Domestic Violence Coordinator maintains a separate LPD Domestic Violence Database. All domestic related complaints are entered and maintained in this database. The DVC uses the database to track all current bail conditions and protection orders on suspects. The DVC also monitors the results of the follow-up visits and Safety Checks to determine if there should be a change in the design of the follow-up procedures. Some changes could include an increase or decrease in the frequency of checks conducted or a

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			change of the methods used such as using plain clothes approaches or conducting surveillance. Also funded using FY 16 funds LE-06-17 \$24,505.41
Law Enforcement	Cumberland County Sheriff's Office	Captain Craig Smith, Support Services Division 36 County Way Portland, ME 04101 http://cumberlandso.org/35/Support-Services-Division	The Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration First Responder Program will build upon the existing partnerships that Family Crisis Services (FCS) has created Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Brunswick Police Department, Gorham Police Department, South Portland Police Department and Yarmouth Police Department and extend services to fire and rescue departments across Cumberland County. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has agreed to manage the grant and provide oversight to Family Crisis Services in the work that will be performed in the EPIC First Responder Program. The goals of this program are: increase first responders' referrals to Family Crisis Services for victim support services; maximize impact and develop consistency with five law enforcement high risk case review teams and one county-wide multi-disciplinary high risk response team; offer multiple trainings to help identify and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking and/or strangulation cases; and improve officer involved domestic violence cases through the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program. LE-07-17 \$58,046.00
Law Enforcement	Aroostook County Sheriff's Office	Captain Joe McKenna 25 School Street Suite 216 Houlton, ME 04730 https://www.arostook.me.us/departments/sheriff.html	The project would provide continued partial funding for one full time detective for the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office. The detective would be assigned to domestic violence/sexual assault related incidents. Anticipated duties for the coming year include assisting other agencies in furtherance of case building, victim safety and offender accountability. Training in the implementation and use of the ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment) as mandated by the Maine State Legislature will be of high priority to the Aroostook County Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and consequently the Domestic Violence Detective. Efforts will also be directed towards identifying High Risk Offenders and focusing on methods to reduce and ultimately eliminate repeated Domestic Violence Assault. LE-08-17 \$35,299.00
Prosecution	Prosecutorial District IV, Kennebec and	Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney 95 State Street	The District Attorney's Office of Prosecutorial District IV is requesting grant funding from Prosecution Funds to fund a Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence ("SADV") Prosecutor as well as a SADV Investigator. Together, these two

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	Somerset Counties District Attorney's Office	Augusta, Maine 04330 https://www.kennebecda.com/	specialized positions will not only be the experts on prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault crimes, but they will be the experts on prioritizing victims' safety and navigating the complexities of domestic violence and sexual assault all the way from the private sphere of the home into the public sphere of the criminal justice system. Also funded with FY 16 Funds PR-01-17 \$6,704.53
Prosecution	Androscoggin County District Attorney's Office	Andrew S. Robinson District Attorney 55 Lisbon Street. 2 nd Floor Lewiston, ME 04240 https://www.aroostook.me.us/departments/sheriff.html	We need to improve prosecution of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking cases in Androscoggin County. If we were able to add a specialized trial assistant for these cases, the victim's experience would be more supportive which would improve the outcome of the cases. We also have a growing New Mainer population in Androscoggin County with an inconceivably low amount of reported crimes involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Funding for the DV /SA/Human Trafficking trial assistant position would allow us to address these needs. Also funded with FY 18 Funds PR-01-18 \$18,800.40
Prosecution	Prosecutorial District II, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office (on behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association)	Cindy Wurpel, Director. Maine DA Technical Services 295 Water Street Augusta. Maine 04330 http://www.cumberlandcounty.org/184/District-Attorney	This application is made on behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association as a continued collaborative effort of the MPA (Maine Prosecutors Association), MeDATS (Maine Data Technical Services), MCEDV (Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence) and MECASA (Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault). In October 2016, we received a VA WA Formula Grant Award to initiate the PAIRS (Practices Assessment and Implementation of Reporting Standards) project to improve our business practices and update our policies and definitions to report end of the year data as it applies to domestic and sexual assault violence crimes. We hired a Business Systems Analyst and have made great progress in this project. During the investigative phase, we discovered that some offices will experience a higher than anticipated level of adjustment and restructuring. These offices will be doing data entry tasks for the first time. Other offices will be making monumental changes to ingrained business procedures. While the original grant anticipated the need for training, it did not adequately allot for necessary quality control or compliance measures. The partners wish to apply for funds to extend this project to Phase II to develop data auditing and validation scripting as well as procedural conformance tools to ensure the data we provide is accurate and reliable. Additionally, we would like to utilize the funds to explore functionality in the database system to improve efficiency, to expand the data we are

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			<p>collecting and to evaluate our readiness for interoperability with other criminal justice agency systems and victim service agencies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PR-02-17 \$105,224.00</p>
Prosecution	Prosecutorial District I, York County District Attorney's Office	<p>Pamela A. Roberts, Victim Witness Program Director 45 Kennebunk Road Alfred, Maine 04002</p> <p>http://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/district-attorney</p>	<p>This project will continue funding the salary and fringe benefits for one full time (37.5 hour) Victim Witness Advocate position (1/2 salary and fringe for two VWAs) so that victims of violent crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault receive full criminal justice prosecutorial services in the York County Courts. Underserved victims will receive all services. This proposal requests STOP funding to be used entirely for salary and fringe benefits for Victim Witness Advocacy services</p> <p>Also funded with FY 16 Funds PR-03-17 \$1,468.44</p>
Victim Services	Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA)	<p>Destie Hohman Sprague, Associate Director 45 Memorial Circle, Suite 302 Augusta, Maine 04330</p> <p>http://www.mecasa.org/</p>	<p>This proposal will expand the two core training and education curricula offered in Maine. The "Human Trafficking in Maine" training for service providers and law enforcement is always delivered in partnership with co-trainers representing at least two disciplines or two agencies and focuses on identification and response; and the My Life My Choice education program, for young people (ages 15-24) who are experiencing or at risk for trafficking or exploitation, which is co-facilitated by a survivor whenever possible.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to enhance and expand the availability of these training opportunities throughout Maine, and a key part of that effort is to ensure the inclusion of survivors as trainers and facilitators, who are rarely compensated for the leadership, wisdom and expertise they bring to this issue.</p> <p>Also funded with FY 16 Funds VS-01-17 \$12,841.00</p>
Victim Services	Through These Doors (formerly Family Crisis Services)	<p>Jen LaChance, Director of Advocacy & Victim Services PO Box 704 Portland ME 04104</p> <p>https://throughthesedoors.org/changethis/</p>	<p>Through These Doors is seeking continuation funding to maintain the presence of an incarcerated women's advocate within the correctional system to provide re-entry advocacy and support for women integrating back to the community after incarceration. The Maine Correctional Center, located in Windham, is the only prison for women in the State of Maine and therefore serves women from all 16 counties, spanning over 35,000 square miles. Comprised of two facilities on the Maine Correctional Center campus, there are approximately 230 women incarcerated at the Women's Center and at the SMWRC on any given day.</p>

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			<p>In addition to the work provided directly to women while they are incarcerated, Through These Doors has and will continue to act as the continuum of care for individuals when they are returned to their community; to be the bridge to the victim advocacy center in their home town. This continuum of care enhances the services that victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence receive while incarcerated but also expands their safety net when released and enables individuals to make choices to improve their own safety and the safety of their children post release.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-02-17 \$43,569.00</p>
Victim Services	Safe Voices	<p>Rebecca Austin, Director of Advocacy PO Box 713 Auburn 04212</p> <p>https://safevoices.org/</p>	<p>With the support of the STOP grant funds we would be able to have a full-time advocate dedicated to working with victims of domestic violence in rural underserved and inadequately served Franklin County. The advocate would provide an unduplicated, specialized wide range of crucial, survivor-centered and trauma-informed services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking and dating violence that includes Individual support and advocacy for safety planning, transportation and support in accessing emergency shelter, Court advocacy, support group facilitation, assistance with emergency food and individualized resource plan to address ongoing needs such as housing, employment, education, etc., collaboration and facilitation of a coordinated community response to domestic violence through the Franklin County Domestic Violence Task Force, High Risk Response Team initiatives, and other community-wide collaborations</p> <p>Also funded with FY 15 Funds</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-03-17 \$34,648.55</p>
Victim Services	Caring Unlimited Inc.	<p>Cynthia Peoples, Executive Director 965 Main St. Sanford ME 04073</p> <p>http://www.caring-unlimited.org/</p>	<p>Caring Unlimited seeks VAWA STOP Formula Grant funds to help ensure that up to 600 low-income and rural victims of abuse in York County can get the legal help they need to establish safety from their abuser during the coming year.</p> <p>Legal services will be provided by an experienced legal team that includes two full-time attorneys paired with two lay court advocates to serve victims at each of the county's four courthouses. This highly experienced legal team will allow victims of abuse to continue to turn to one resource, their local domestic violence victim services provider, to obtain assistance with the full-range of safety planning and support services needed to become safe from future abuse. This approach is consistent with recommendations of the American</p>

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			<p>than 430 final protection order matters last year (in addition to approximately 290 in Washington County courts).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-06-17 \$49,403.00</p>
Victim Services	Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA)	<p>Sarah Firth, Grants and Quality Coordinator 45 Memorial Circle, Suite 302 Augusta, Maine 04330</p> <p>http://www.mecasa.org/</p>	<p>As long-time community partners, MECASA and MaineTransNet are seeking to develop targeted, culturally competent services to survivors of sexual violence who identify as transgender.</p> <p>This project represents a "first of its kind" approach in offering specialized services to the underserved and often marginalized community of transgender survivors of sexual assault in Maine.</p> <p>An innovative approach will be used to offer culturally specific, specialized services; current staff from both MECASA member centers and MTN will co-facilitate support groups specifically designed for transgender survivors. As a result, participants will benefit from the rich expertise of both organizations at the same time. Sexual assault support center staff can offer extensive experience working with survivors of sexual assault and MTN facilitators can offer what no one else can, an authentic experience of being transgender in Maine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-10-17 \$7,624.00</p>
Victim Services	Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)	<p>Bridget Mancini, Program Coordinator of Advocate and Outreach Services 175 Lancaster St Suite 217 A Portland Maine 04101</p> <p>http://www.sarsonline.org/</p>	<p>This project would fund two 30-hour (1.SFTE total) direct service advocate positions to respond to the statewide sexual assault crisis and support line during normal business hours, as well as to pilot the expansion of crisis and support line services to text and online chat platforms.</p> <p>The project we propose is an innovative approach to crisis and support line services for Maine. It will be an opportunity to develop shared staff and systems for this direct service work across our statewide partnership of providers, to maximize resources, efficiency, and accessibility. Our overall goals are to increase stability of our crisis and support line services by hiring dedicated support line staff; and to increase the accessibility of those services by expanding the platforms through which the service can be accessed. Both goals are squarely in line with the state and federal funding source priorities of continuing to deliver core victim services.</p>