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		Portland ME 04104 http://www.sarsonline.org/	chat platforms, as the outreach efforts continue, and which to date have only been operational for two full months. Funding also provided in FY 18 Victim Services VS-10-18 \$68,696.07
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. Funding also provided in FY 16 Funds LE-01-18 \$57,072.56
Law Enforcement	Penobscot Nation Department of Social Services	Brooke Loring, LCPC, LADC, Director, 12 Wabanaki Way Indian Island, ME 04468 https://www.penobscotnation.org/departments/social-services	Penobscot Nation Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy Center requests funding for a 20-hour weekly position within the Penobscot Nation Police Department to hire a domestic and sexual violence investigator to develop, train and expand units of law enforcement and to enhance the adjudication process. The Investigator shall enforce the laws of the Penobscot Nation and the State of Maine and is assigned to investigate and oversee all cases concerning domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. The Investigator will work collaboratively with the Penobscot Nation Advocacy Center to improve and maintain contact on relevant cases. The Investigator will contribute to coordinated community response meetings to add insight and engage in effective strategies to implement policies that provide safety, response and justice for victims. The Investigator will attend in-state training either sponsored by the Maine

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			Coalition to End Domestic Violence, Maine Coalition against Sexual Assault and/or Wabanaki Women's Coalition Leadership Summit. This will provide up to date education and training for the Investigator to apply knowledge to real life cases within Penobscot Nation's jurisdiction. We strongly believe in supporting survivors of violence and will devote proper investigative techniques to ensure justice for victims of crime. <p style="text-align: right;">LE-03-18 \$46,107.00</p>
Victim Services	Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services	Marty McIntyre, Executive Director PO Box 6 Auburn, ME 04212-0006 http://sapars.org/	The Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Advocate (STEA) will be working with people who are identified as being survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation, and with people who are identified as possibly currently being sex trafficked or exploited. Women who have been sex trafficked or exploited have been continually forced to engage in sexual acts through force, fraud or coercion. This is not an activity of choice, but one that is dictated to them by the trafficker. They do this under threat of serious harm if they do not, or because the trafficker may have intentionally gotten them hooked on drugs and they need the trafficker to support this addiction. Trying to get out of this life takes an enormous effort, and a coordinated community response. The STEA will be able to focus specifically on providing crisis intervention and support, case management and safety planning, and coordination with other community resources (such as mental health treatment and substance abuse treatment) to help the survivor to be safe and to find the resources to escape the life and move in a different direction. <p style="text-align: right;">VS-02-18 \$29,307.00</p>
Victim Services	Safe Voices	Rebecca Austin, Director of Advocacy PO Box 713 Auburn 04212 https://safevoices.org/	The primary objective of the Franklin County Victim Services Program is to provide comprehensive advocacy and support services aligned with the empowerment model to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking, by improving and enhancing victim safety and access to resources. We also work to facilitate and improve the coordinated community response to domestic violence in the rural Franklin County community through building and establishing collaborative cohorts of stakeholders aimed at increasing victim safety and offender accountability. Our advocates have been providing survivor-centered, trauma-sensitive services to survivors of domestic violence in the Franklin County community for over 40 years. When taking a client centered approach to advocacy work we allow for each client to invest in the process, engaging them and ultimately empowering them to be the driving force behind the changes taking place in their life thus increasing their autonomous decision making and self-

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			<p>sufficiency. Those living in the most rural, isolated areas often face complex and increased barriers to living a life free of violence including: lack of transportation; limited resources, limited access to confidential shelter, limited or inadequate access to medical care, as well as increased response time by emergency responders, and decreased access to information and communication avenues due to limited access to secure technology.</p> <p>Funding also provided in FY 15 & FY 16 Funds VS-03-18 \$34,262.64</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> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-04-18 \$22,939.00</p>
Victim Services	Sexual Assault Services of Midcoast Maine	<p>Arian G. Clements, Executive Director PO Box 990 Brunswick ME 04011</p> <p>https://www.sassmm.org/</p>	<p>The project herein is specifically to fund the continued employment of a full-time Knox/Waldo (K/W) SAR T Advocate, a position that was just awarded in April 2018 through FY 17 STOP funds, to further establish comprehensive SART services in Knox and Waldo Counties. The K/W SART Advocate (recently hired), will continue to provide two core functions: to strengthen organizations' relationships with criminal and civil justice, health, law enforcement, and related system partners to ensure more collaborative and effective multidisciplinary response to sexual violence; and to provide ongoing victim services for those individuals needing systems advocacy and accompaniment as a result of the crime they have experienced.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-05-18 \$17,000.00</p>
Victim Services	Partners for Peace	<p>Marie Miller, Legal Team Leader PO Box 653 Bangor, ME 04402</p> <p>https://www.partnersforpeace.me.org/</p>	<p>Partners for Peace, the domestic violence resource center serving Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties, requests STOP Violence Against Women Funding for one-year to place a Police Department Based Advocate (PBA) in the Bangor Police Department. This 75% position will liaise between victims, law enforcement, and victim service organizations represented by Partners for Peace and Rape Response Services. This innovate expansion of partnerships between the Bangor Police, Rape Response Services, and</p>

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			<p>Partners for Peace will advance victim safety, coordinated community responses and offender accountability.</p> <p>The PBA will be an advocate coordinating the efforts of multiple parties on behalf of victims, while communicating the work of those parties to victims - where a victim desires this partnership. This will enhance the victim's safety while aiding the law enforcement response to crimes. The emphasis is. less on protection orders specifically, and more generally on the complex overlapping needs of victims, their advocates, and law enforcement. The PBA will maintain relationships with victims of DV, establishing effective communication to-and-from victims, law enforcement agents, and service providers. The advocate will connect victims to the full suite of comprehensive services offered by the employing agency, Partners for Peace (PfP), and the supporting agency, Rape Response Services (RRS). The advocate will also serve a vital educational function within the police department: helping facilitate access to supportive services for victims by improving law enforcement understandings of victims' needs. In a further effort of coordination, the advocate will assume responsibility for educating victim service providers concerning the nature and scope of law enforcement responses to crimes within their respective areas of expertise.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-06-18 \$32,216.00</p>
Victim Services	Family Violence Project	Melody Fitch, Executive Director PO Box 304 83 Western Avenue Augusta, ME 04330 Website: http://www.familyviolenceproject.org/	<p>Building Bridges: A Community-based Advocate will develop and implement all activities associated with Agreement partners at their respective programs. While her office is located at the Family Violence Project (FVP) Augusta main office, many project activities will be delivered at the two homeless shelters and on-site at Maine General Medical Center. Both Bread of Life Ministries and Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter have committed to continuing to provide safe space at their facilities. Maine General Medical Center has determined safe, on-site spaces and times for individual advocacy to occur, and the advocate has joined with an existing hospital -based Advisory Group which includes participation by Sexual Assault Crisis & Support; liaison work will include offering brown bag lunches and/or brief presentations when it works best for shift-based medical personnel. Relationships have been built upon a shared mission and are reinforced by formal and informal meetings and presentations. Family Violence Project adheres to the strictest of confidentiality standards and implements practices that always centralize victim safety. This approach is grounded in principles of domestic violence</p>

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			<p>advocacy on an individual and institutional basis. The advocate will work with all partner programs to identify ways in which their systems can become more responsive to survivors of abuse. Individual advocacy will always be delivered by a trained advocate regardless the location of the service, in a manner which up holds the survivor's right to self-determination and employs methods of safety planning which meet the unique needs and concerns of the victim. The advocate may introduce survivors to other programs and services offered by FVP in Kennebec County.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VS-07-19 \$22,873.00</p>
Victim Services	Caring Unlimited Inc.	<p>Susan Giambalvo, Executive Director PO Box 590 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 Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence. Program services focus on protection from abuse, divorce and child custody actions, which continue to be identified by victim advocates throughout Maine and nationwide as the matters of most urgent need for the people they serve to establish safety from intimate violence.</p> <p>Also funded with FY 16 Funds VS-08-18 \$52,280.00</p>
Victim Services	Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)	<p>Bridget Mancini, Program Manager of Advocate and Outreach Services 175 Lancaster St Suite 217 A Portland Maine 04101</p> <p>http://www.sarsonline.org/</p>	<p>We are requesting continued funding to collect and analyze a full year of data of text/chat services, while building on the success of direct access to support for clients of sexual assault survivors through the daytime CASL services. We project that the number of service sessions will continue to rise via text and chat platforms, as the outreach efforts continue, and which to date have only been operational for two full months.</p> <p>Funding also provided in FY 18 Discretionary VS-10-18 \$26,273.93</p>