The Allstate Foundation Domestic Violence Program
2014 Moving Ahead Financial Empowerment Grant

Due Date: August 12, 2014
Online application: https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_1010?SA=SNA&FID=35242

PROGRAM BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Allstate Foundation
Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by subsidiaries of The Allstate Corporation. Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations across the country, The Allstate Foundation brings the relationships, reputation and resources of Allstate to support innovative and lasting solutions that enhance people’s well-being and prosperity. With a focus on teen safe driving and building financial independence for domestic violence survivors, The Allstate Foundation also promotes safe and vital communities; tolerance, inclusion, and diversity; and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.AllstateFoundation.org.

Since 2005, The Allstate Foundation has partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence and other leading national and local nonprofits to create innovative programs designed to reach survivors with financial empowerment services. Survivors of domestic violence need specialized tools and strategies to address financial challenges and plan for safe, secure futures. However, few resources exist to assist survivors with the economic challenges they face. That’s why The Allstate Foundation is taking action. As the corporate foundation of a financial services company, we are using the same skills and resources our agents use everyday to help survivors better understand their personal finances and build assets. For more information about the program, visit www.ClickToEmpower.org.

The National Network to End Domestic Violence
The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt social change organization. NNEDV is dedicated to creating a social, political, and economic environment in which violence against women no longer exists. NNEDV accomplishes these goals through capacity building for state domestic violence coalitions, public education, training, and technical assistance to maintain and develop the professional expertise of advocates. NNEDV strives to strengthen advocates as organizers and activists in the tradition of social change movements. For more information, visit www.NNEDV.org.

ABOUT THE MOVING AHEAD FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Allstate Foundation Moving Ahead Financial Empowerment Grant Program is a unique, competitive grant program focused on the development and implementation of financial empowerment services for survivors. It is our goal to reach 30,000 survivors with services provided as part of this $1 million grant program.

Specifically, the grants will support innovative financial empowerment programs that include financial education services to survivors and financial empowerment services in at least one of these other program categories: job readiness and job training, helping survivors establish matched savings accounts (including IDAs) and/or using matched savings accounts for asset-building, micro-loans and micro-enterprise. By supporting collaborative financial empowerment efforts between state coalitions, local programs and other community partners, the Foundation hopes to build the capacity of communities to better respond to the complex financial needs of domestic violence survivors.
KEY INFORMATION

Award Amounts
The Moving Ahead Financial Empowerment Grant Program will award a total of $1 million to selected applicants. Grant awards will range from $25,000 to $75,000. The smaller grants within that range will be awarded to organizations that are newer to financial empowerment work and larger amounts to more experienced organizations. This is a competitive grant program with no guarantee that funding will continue in the future.

The grant period is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Program Criteria
Funds for the Moving Ahead Financial Empowerment Grant Program are provided by The Allstate Foundation Domestic Violence Program. Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Represent a collaborative effort between the state coalition and at least two local domestic violence programs and/or community partner sub-grantees. Sub-grantee partnerships should be based on formal collaborations that recognize the distinct roles and responsibilities of each participating agency or entity.
- Demonstrate the ability to have a regional or statewide impact.
- Reflect an understanding of the systemic, social, economic, and cultural changes that are needed to end violence against women.
- Incorporate or reflect the experiences of survivors and victim advocates as well as best practices in financial empowerment services.
- Are designed to help reach the Foundation’s goal of serving a total of 30,000 domestic violence survivors with this grant program.
- Outline plans to engage Allstate agency owners, personal financial representatives and/or employees as volunteers.
- Demonstrate understanding of and capacity to collect and report program outcomes.
- Include plans to communicate about the project to the media.
- If a returning grantee, describe how this proposal will build on or enhance your current project as well as identify any lessons learned.

Program Focus Areas
All applications must include the following focus area:

- Financial Education: Providing education and support to survivors in areas of budgeting, investing, retirement planning, debt reduction, etc. Applicants must use some or all of The Allstate Foundation’s Moving Ahead Through Financial Management curriculum but may supplement these resources with other financial education materials as necessary to meet the needs of their clients.

And also include one or more of the following focus areas:

- Job Readiness and Job Training: Helping survivors get or maintain training and meaningful employment; i.e. resume writing, developing interviewing skills and/or providing job training to gain meaningful employment.
- Matched Savings Program including IDAs: Helping survivors establish Matched Savings Accounts and/or assisting survivors in utilizing Matched Savings Accounts for asset-building. Allstate Foundation funds may only be used as a 1:1 match; any additional match must be from another source.
- Micro-Loan: Providing small loans at low or no interest with flexible and survivor-informed re-payment rules and options. Loans may be used as a means to improve or establish credit. Include how re-payment funds will be used to build program sustainability.
- Micro-enterprise: Assisting survivors in establishing small businesses through micro-enterprise. Include how re-payment funds will be used to build program sustainability.
Grant Administration
For purposes of this program, state coalitions will serve as grant administrators that work with and sub-grant to local programs and/or community partners to incorporate best-in-class financial empowerment services. In order to help the Foundation reach the goal of serving 30,000 domestic violence survivors with this grant program, smaller states should consider coordinating a state-wide program while larger states may opt to focus on a smaller group of sub-grantees. Coalition grantees will also provide technical assistance to their sub-grantees to support the proposed project. NNEDV will provide technical assistance to the coalitions to assist in the continued development of high-quality programming.

Budget and Allocations
The budget must include computations for all project-related costs. There must be a direct link between the proposed activities and the budget line items. The budget should include only activities, products and resources necessary for the implementation of the financial empowerment project. The budget request should reflect an allocation of no more than 15% to the state coalition for administrative costs. The allocation to the coalition should be designated to provide technical assistance and training to the sub-grantees. You may choose to use this sample project budget as a template.

Allowable Costs
No more than 50% of the total funding may be allocated for personnel costs for both the state coalition and sub-grantees. If requesting funding to support salaries, it should be for staff working directly on this grant project.

Eligibility
Applications are invited from state domestic violence coalitions only. Coalitions must be non-profit tax-exempt organizations with 501(c) (3) status under the Internal Revenue Code. By law, The Allstate Foundation cannot provide funding to programs that have a religious base or exclude participation based on religion.

Application Process
All applications must be submitted through the online application here. All applications will be subject to review by The Allstate Foundation and NNEDV and will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in this solicitation. All awardees must sign a grant agreement that outlines roles and responsibilities before receiving grant funds.

GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
All grantees will be required to collect standard outcomes related to each of the focus areas included in the approved grant. Coalitions are encouraged to develop additional outcomes as needed to demonstrate the impact of new or innovative programming. The Allstate Foundation and NNEDV understand that some financial empowerment programs can more easily serve large numbers of survivors. Often, financial literacy workshops will have a higher number of participants than more intensive programs like micro-loans. But we expect all our grantees to be able to contribute substantially to reaching our goal of serving 30,000 survivors with this grant.

Reporting Requirements and Deadlines
Grant reports will be required at mid-year and year-end. Mid-year reports are due April 30, 2015 and year-end reports are due October 31, 2015.

Grantees are required to report the following in both mid-year and year-end reports:

- Total number of survivors served with financial empowerment services (including Moving Ahead curriculum, matched savings and other financial empowerment services).
- Number of survivors using some or all of The Allstate Foundation’s Moving Ahead through Financial Management curriculum.
- Total number of advocates trained in financial empowerment services with this grant, if applicable.
- An updated budget detailing how funds have been spent and indicating any changes from the initial budget proposal.
• Media reports listing print, broadcast and digital media coverage of the project.
• Number of Allstate agency owners, personal financial representatives and/or employees involved in the project. (including the name, city and state of each Allstate volunteer).
• A brief story about how an individual survivor was impacted by your project. You may choose to use only the survivor's first name or change it to protect her safety, if necessary.
• Financial Education/Financial Literacy program measurements:
  o Number of survivors who created a financial plan.
  o Number of survivors who opened a bank account.
  o Number of survivors who are worked on their credit.
  o Number of survivors who met a personal financial goal.

Grantees are required to report as applicable:
• For grants with Matched Savings programs (including IDAs):
  o Number of survivors who consistently contributed to matched savings programs.
  o Number of survivors who met matched savings program goals.

• For grants with Job Readiness/Job Training programs:
  o Number of survivors who completed educational courses, job training programs, or certificate programs.
  o Number of survivors who gained new or better employment.

• For grants with Micro-Loan and Micro-enterprise programs:
  o Number of survivors who participated in micro-loan programs.
  o Number of survivors who participated in micro-enterprise programs.

**KEY DATES**

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