



# The National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund

## The Allstate Foundation's Education and Job Training Direct Assistance Fund

### Talking Points

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- The Education and Job Training Assistance Fund is a fund established by The Allstate Foundation to channel small grants to survivors of domestic violence in order to achieve their educational and professional goals.
- The Education and Job Training Assistance Fund is facilitated by the National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund, Economic Justice Team, and will disburse grants up to \$1,000 per application to meet immediate and long term needs of survivors.
- Funding from this grant program can be used for:
  - licensing fees (e.g. nursing, social work, etc);
  - books and supplies for school;
  - job skills training (e.g., resume building, interview preparation, clothing);
  - tuition;
  - requirements for jobs (e.g., uniforms, tools);
  - registration fees;
  - temporary child care so that applicant can attend school, attend a class, or look for employment;
  - transportation to and from school or work; and
  - equipment needs for school or work (e.g. rental fees for computer time at a computer center, etc).
- Once the application has been submitted the NNEDV Fund Economic Justice Team will make a funding decision regarding the application within 5 business days and will work as quickly as possible to complete this process in a timely manner.

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- To receive funding from this fund, local domestic violence shelters or statewide domestic violence coalitions must submit applications on behalf of adult domestic violence survivors directly to the National Network to End Domestic Violence via fax or mail.
- The Education and Job Training Assistance Fund is part of the Allstate Domestic Violence Program's direct service programmatic focus which also includes training and giving grants directly to domestic violence coalitions.
- The Allstate Foundation committed \$75,000 to the Education and Job Training Assistance Fund to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allstate Insurance Company. To raise awareness about the many economic challenges survivors face, The Allstate Foundation created an Internet-based campaign. For every unique visitor to <http://www.allstatefoundationdomesticviolenceprogram.org>, the Allstate Foundation donated \$1 to the Fund.
- Questions regarding the fund can be directed to Shawndell Dawson, Interim Program Manager, NNEDV at **(202)543-5566** or [economicjustice@nedv.org](mailto:economicjustice@nedv.org)

### **Allstate Domestic Violence Program & Partnership with National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund**

- The Allstate Foundation and the National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund work collaboratively in facilitating the Allstate Domestic Violence Program, which is a national program focused on the economic empowerment of domestic violence survivors and advocates.
- The Allstate Foundation Domestic Violence Program was developed to help victims of domestic violence transition into safe and secure lives by addressing their unique economic challenges.
- The Allstate Foundation Domestic Violence Program partners with the NNEDV Fund and its network of domestic violence coalitions to address survivors' financial challenges. This program provides a comprehensive network of services for domestic violence survivors and advocates, including:
  - **Direct services:** Providing programming and funding support through a financial empowerment curriculum and training materials; community volunteerism by Allstate employees, agents and agency staff; and grants to allow service providers to address the range of survivors' needs.
  - **Thought leadership:** Supporting domestic violence advocates and service providers through national conferences, other events and research.

- **Public awareness:** Creating a national effort to raise public awareness and change societal attitudes about domestic violence.

## **Domestic Violence Survivors & Economic Security**

- Economic security is key to a domestic violence survivors' safety and future.
- In the United States, the health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking, and homicide by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year. Of this total, nearly \$4.1 billion are for direct medical and mental health care services and productivity losses account for nearly \$1.8 billion.<sup>1</sup>
- To be safe, survivors of domestic violence need to be free from the violence and control of their partners and must be able to meet their family's basic human needs (i.e. food, shelter, and health care).
- Economic advocacy is a critical component of a domestic violence survivor's safety planning.
- Safe accessible community based services that help domestic violence survivors utilize a network of support are critical to addressing violence against women.
- Domestic violence programs and community resources have an important role in supporting survivors in rebuilding their lives through providing connection to emergency assistance, finding permanent housing, obtaining job training or connection to educational programs, working with employers to be supportive and always helping them address ongoing safety needs because domestic violence does not end when someone ends a relationship.

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<sup>1</sup> **Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States. 2003. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Atlanta, GA. Retrieved January 9, 2004.**