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## **Attorney General Ashcroft Announces Awards of more than \$117 Million for States to Prosecute and Respond to Violence Against Women**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Attorney General John Ashcroft announced today that the Department of Justice is awarding more than \$117 million to all 50 states and U.S. territories to fund programs to prevent and respond to violence against women. The funding is part of this year's STOP (Services, Training, Officers and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program. This program is funded under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and administered by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

“The STOP Program protects victims and holds criminals accountable for their actions,” said Attorney General Ashcroft. “No one should have to endure the pain of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault, but these funds will help women who have been victims of violence to regain their dignity, their confidence, and their lives.”

Through the STOP Program, states and communities are encouraged to restructure and strengthen the criminal justice system response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, using the expertise of all participants working in the system, including law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, and community leaders.

“Whether they are being used to develop a special police unit to respond to domestic violence cases, train sexual assault forensic examiners, or enhance victim services for individuals who are older or disabled, STOP funds are an important resource to help end violence against women,” said OVW Director Diane M. Stuart.

The STOP grants are awarded to designated state agencies, which must award 25 percent of the funds they receive to law enforcement, 25 percent to prosecution, 30 percent to victim services, 5 percent to courts and 15 percent at the state's discretion for other STOP Program purposes. This year's STOP grant awards, together with the names of the local STOP Program contacts, are as follows:

ALABAMA, \$1,922,000 Jim Whittle, 334-242-5885

ALASKA, \$758,000 Denise Henderson, 907-465-4321

ARIZONA, \$2,056,000 Evelyn Buckner, 602-542-1764

ARKANSAS, \$1,393,000 Mary Ruth Parker, 501-682-1074

CALIFORNIA, \$10,617,000 Ann Mizoguchi, 916-323-7615  
COLORADO, \$1,872,000 Betsy Anderson, 303-239-5703  
CONNECTICUT, \$1,614,000 Lisa Secondo, 860-418-6391  
DELAWARE, \$833,000 Maureen Querey, 302-255-0407  
DIST OF COLUMBIA, \$770,000 Christine Brooks-Cropper, 202-727-0941  
FLORIDA, \$5,358,000 Pat Barrett, 850-414-8312  
GEORGIA, \$3,039,000 LaSonja Doughty-Fillingame, 404-559-4949, x112  
HAWAII, \$961,000 Tony Wong, 808-586-1096  
IDAHO, \$981,000 Shellee Daniels, 208-884-7046  
ILLINOIS, \$4,300,000 Jennifer Vesely, 312-793-8500  
INDIANA, \$2,411,000 Joseph Koenig, 317-232-1233  
IOWA, \$1,471,000 Becky Kinnamon, 515-242-6379  
KANSAS, \$1,396,000 Juliene Maska, 785-291-3868  
KENTUCKY, \$1,805,000 Donna Langley, 502-564-3251  
LOUISIANA, \$1,927,000 Debbie Maggio, 225-925-3949  
MAINE, \$979,000 Mary Lucia, 207-287-5948  
MARYLAND, \$2,177,000 Nicolette Gantt, 410-321-3521  
MASSACHUSETTS, \$2,492,000 Diane Deangelis, 617-727-6300  
MICHIGAN, \$3,551,000 Debi Cain, 517-241-5114  
MINNESOTA, \$2,053,000 Cecilia Miller, 651-205-4817  
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MISSOURI, \$2,264,000 Patricia Rellergert, 573-751-5954  
MONTANA, \$853,000 Wendy Sturn, 406-444-1995  
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NEVADA, \$1,189,000 Dorene Whitworth, 775-684-1124  
NEW HAMPSHIRE, \$968,000 Susan Dearborn, 603-271-8091  
NEW JERSEY, \$3,107,000 Theresa Martinac, 609-584-8107  
NEW MEXICO, \$1,092,000 Sheila Allen, 505-841-9435

NEW YORK, \$6,243,000 Kim Oppelt, 518-457-9726  
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NORTH DAKOTA, \$782,000 Mary Dasovick, 701-328-3340  
OHIO, \$3,984,000 Rickeya Franklin, 614-728-7291  
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OREGON, \$1,608,000 Carmen Merlo, 503-378-3720  
PENNSYLVANIA, \$4,263,000 Tina Kraynak, 717-783-0551  
RHODE ISLAND, \$912,000 Kristen Martineau, 401-222-5349  
SOUTH CAROLINA, \$1,794,000 Barbara Jean Nelson, 803-896-8712  
SOUTH DAKOTA, \$807,000 Susan Sheppick, 605-773-3656  
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TEXAS, \$6,793,000 Angela Martin, 512-463-1884  
UTAH, \$1,258,000 Christine Watters, 801-238-2369  
VERMONT, \$781,000 Judy Rex, 802-241-1251  
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WASHINGTON, \$2,333,000 Anita Granbois, 360-725-2892  
WEST VIRGINIA, \$1,139,000 Tonia Thomas, 304-558-8814  
WISCONSIN, \$2,188,000 Kittie Smith, 608-261-8762  
WYOMING, \$744,000 Sharon Montagnino, 307-777-7200  
PUERTO RICO, \$1,734,000 Dessy Bones-Colon, 787-721-7676  
VIRGIN ISLANDS, \$632,000 R. Maria Brady, 340-774-6400, x210  
GUAM, \$646,000 Cecilia Morrison, 671-475-9162/75  
AM. SAMOA/N. MARIANA, \$638,000 Richard Seumanutafa, 011-684-633-5221

More information about the STOP program and other initiatives involving the Office on Violence Against Women is available on OVW's website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo)

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