



MCEDSV URGES SUBCOMMITTEE TO RESTORE \$2 MILLION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

Comments before House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)

March 9, 2020

The Executive Budget Proposal for FY 20-21 eliminates \$2 million GF/GP for Sexual Assault Comprehensive Services ("SA COMP"). It is absolutely critical that this funding be restored.

Restoring this funding in the DHHS Budget would:

- Allow the almost 100% increase in Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services to continue in the next fiscal year, sustaining the dramatic increase in the number of survivors and communities receiving these essential services; and
- Allow local programs to continue to access additional Victims of Crime Act ("VOCA") grant funding, through a separate competitive grant process, by increasing the resources they would have available to demonstrate match when required.

It is important to note that SA COMP and VOCA funding does not cross-over and cannot be co-mingled at the state level. SA COMP dollars awarded do not result in an automatic VOCA match. However, SA Comp dollars awarded to a local program can be used by that program to apply for and be granted additional VOCA funds that otherwise would not be accessible.

Requested Line Item:

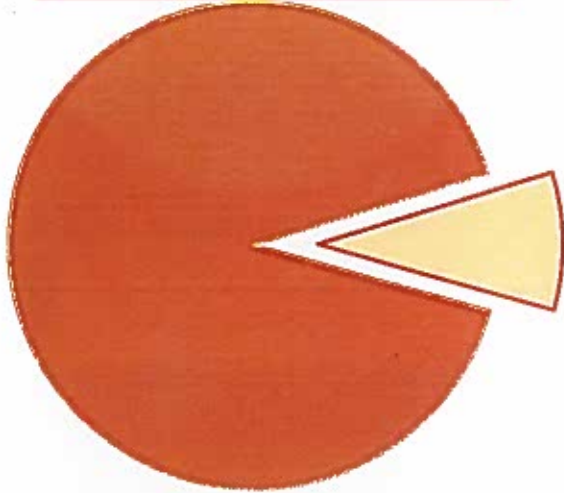
Sexual assault comprehensive services grant..... \$ 2,000,000

Requested Boilerplate language:

"From the funds appropriated for sexual assault comprehensive services grant, \$2,000,000.00 shall be allocated to the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDSVPTB) for sexual assault comprehensive victim services funding, as defined by MDSVPTB, to be distributed through a competitive grant process to entities determined by MDSVPTB to have demonstrated capacity to provide such services."

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VOCA Appropriation / grants Process (50350)



Funds designated for sexual assault services

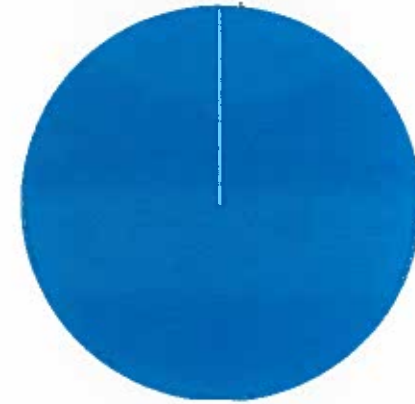
Issue: Need to expand Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services in MI

- Current funding is insufficient.
- Federal VOCA funds have limited uses / other restrictions.
- Local sexual assault programs cannot currently bid for all available SA VOCA funding because they do not have sufficient non-federal grants contributing to the project.

Solution: State Funding (supported by GF-GP) to allow local sexual assault programs to apply for separate non-federal grant dollars, that can be used to:

- Support expenses for critical survivor services that are not allowable in VOCA grants; and ...
- Leverage additional VOCA funds for local programs.

MDSVPTB Appropriation / grant Process (64060)



New Comprehensive Sexual Assault Funding (GF)

The two appropriations **do not crossover or comingle**. **NEW** GF-GP sexual assault funding would allow local programs to document that other funding is available to help support services. This would provide increased resources for comprehensive services, support costs unallowable under the VOCA regulations, **AND** enable programs to bid for additional VOCA funding.



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The Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence is a statewide membership organization dedicated to the empowerment of all survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Mission

Develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan.

Vision

MCEDSV is Michigan's catalyst for creating empowered individuals, communities, and societies committed to building a lasting legacy of equality, peace and social justice, where domestic and sexual violence no longer exists.

Leadership

- Provide statewide leadership on public policy issues affecting survivors and the programs that serve them
- Advance comprehensive, community based social change efforts to end domestic and sexual violence and build peaceful communities
- Promote availability and accessibility of high quality, culturally relevant, domestic and sexual violence services and prevention programs
- Build capacity for community specific solutions to ending domestic and sexual violence
- Deliver comprehensive, expert technical assistance and training to national, state, and local allied organizations
- Encourage the leadership of women

Services Provided by Members

- 24 hour crisis intervention hotlines
- Advocacy, counseling, and support groups
- Outreach, public education and social change efforts
- Legal advocacy/court accompaniment
- Forensic Nurse Examiner programs
- Emergency safe shelter
- Children's programming