



Funding Announcement

American Rescue Plan

Grants to Support Survivors of Sexual Assault (ARP-SA)

Grants to Rape Crisis Centers to expand Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships in underserved communities, Offering 2 (ARP-SA, Offering 2).

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Opportunity Snapshot

ARP-SA is a federal grant offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of the 2021 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, American Rescue Plan, Grants to Support Survivors of Sexual Assault, Supplemental Funding. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received the grant and contracted with the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA), as a pass-through agency, to administer the program which includes subcontracting with organizations to provide grant activities.

This Funding Announcement is offered by TAASA and contains comprehensive information related to the requirements of this grant. Please read the entire Funding Announcement before planning your project and completing the Application. Throughout this announcement, we refer to this grant as the ARP-SA Grant, and this offering as ARP-SA Grant, Offering 2.

Grant Type

This is a competitive grant with specific eligibility requirements. TAASA expects to fund approximately five to eight applicants (award amounts are subject to the application review process, scoring, available funding, and demonstrated need).

Scoring

Applicants will be scored based on their responses to the questions in the application.

Priority will be given through additional points for the following:

- Expansion into border counties identified as having no services or that are underserved
- Expansion into in-land counties identified as having no service or that are underserved
- Applicants that plan to provide accompaniment in both a new Hospital and a new Law Enforcement Agency
- Applicants whose planned activities align fully with the focus area (Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships)
- Applicants who are members of a SART associated with the hospital(s) or law enforcement agency(ies) the Applicant identified in this grant application
- Applicants that demonstrate an ability to provide culturally-affirming/appropriate and language accessible services to underserved population
- Applicants that demonstrate how the activities planned will support their efforts to provide accompaniment to new hospitals or law enforcement agencies or to expand advocacy services to underserved populations in the county(ies) where these entities are located
- Applicants that demonstrate they have the capability and financial controls in place to effectively administer this grant

A map showing border counties and counties with no services or that are underserved can be found here: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Texas-Map-with-Counties-Identified-as-Priority.png>. A general map of Texas showing the names of Counties can be found here: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Texas-Map-with-County-Names.gif>.

Contact Information

For questions on this funding opportunity, contact TAASA's support team at arp-sa@taasa.org or call 512-474-7190, ext. 119. This is a competitive grant, so TAASA staff are only able to answer general questions to clarify requirements about programming, priority areas, and grant application questions. TAASA cannot assist with writing a grant or provide pre-assessment of grant proposals.

Purpose

The purpose of the ARP-SA, Offering 2 grant is to expand Mobile Advocacy and Partnership efforts into underserved communities.

Programming Requirements:

Applicants must provide at least one of the following. Priority will be given to Applicants who provide both.

- Provide hospital accompaniment in a new hospital (e.g. a hospital where the Applicant has not provided accompaniment services before or where accompaniment has been requested but could not be provided due to a lack of staff or resources.)
- Provide law enforcement in a new law enforcement agency (e.g. a law enforcement agency where the applicant has not yet provided accompaniment or where accompaniment has been requested but could not be fulfilled due to lack of staff or resources to respond.)

Eligible Organizations

TAASA is offering funding to the following organizations with an expected start date of April 1, 2023.

Sexual Assault Programs that:

- Meet the definition of a rape crisis center in the Funding Announcement
- Meet the definition of a sexual assault program as defined in the Texas Government Code, Chapter 420.
- Meet Texas Minimum Services Standards for Sexual Assault Programs in Texas
- Holds an Office of the Attorney General Sexual Assault Training Program Certification or has applied for an Office of the Attorney General Sexual Assault Training Program Certification and provide a copy of their application and proof of submission (must be certified within 6 months of receiving the grant).

- Includes a sexual assault advocate on the budget that is on the grant at least 85%.
- Is not a current ARP-SA, Offering 1 Grantee

Additional Eligibility - Each Applicant must request funding for a sexual assault advocate that must be on this grant at least 85%. Applicants that do not have an advocate on this grant at least 85% providing services that align with the focus area will not be funded.

Number of Organizations Funded

It is anticipated that approximately 5-8 organizations may be funded under this announcement.

Funding Opportunity Details – see details under Project Period below for minimum and maximums per year

Category	Details
Funds Available	TAASA has allocated up to \$9,000,000 for all grant offerings throughout the ARP-SA Grant fiscal years 2023 - 2025
Budget Minimum	\$80,000/year* for a full year’s budget. See amounts below for each project period.
Budget Maximum	\$130,000/year* This is the maximum allowed for a full year’s budget. See amounts below for each project period.
Match Requirement	There is no match requirement for this grant.
Funding Source	These are federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act § 2204(d).

* Funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation. All awards are subject to the availability of federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

During the application process, you will be required to complete a detailed budget for Year 1 and a requested Budget Amount and Project Summary for Year 2 and 3.

Project Periods and Associated Minimum/Maximum Amounts

The project period begins April 1, 2023 and ends March 31, 2025 with the following budget periods:

- Year 1 – 6 months beginning April 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023. Minimum Budget \$40,000 and maximum budget \$65,000

- Year 2 – 12 months beginning October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024. Minimum Budget \$80,000 and maximum budget \$130,000
- Year 3 – 6 months beginning October 1, 2024 – March 30, 2025. Minimum Budget \$40,000 and maximum budget \$65,000.

The fiscal year for this grant is October 1, – September 30. This grant will follow the fiscal year even though we are stating the Grant April 1st (considered the start of the 3rd quarter).

Initial contracts will be awarded for the Year 1 budget period as identified above. Subsequent years’ funding will be distributed via an extension or similar contract amending process. To receive subsequent funding grantees must be in good standing. The ARP-SA Grant Administrator will provide timely information for qualified grantees on this process prior to the end of each grant period including information on how grantees can adjust their budget before years 2 and 3. Grantees may be able to carry over unspent funds from years one or two in subsequent years with prior approval from TAASA. All ARP-SA Grant, Offering 2 funds must be expended by the end of the project period, March 30, 2025. TAASA will provide additional information on how to apply to use unspent funds during the end of years 1 and 2 of the grant.

Important Dates, ARP-SA Grant, Offering 2

Event	Action Date
Informational Webinar (will be recorded)	February 22, 2023 at 3:30 CST.
Funding Announcement Release	February 13, 2023
Online Application Opening Date	February 21, 2023
Final Date to Submit an Application	March 10, 2023
Notice of Awards	March 27, 2023
Project Start Date	April 1, 2023

Submission Requirements

Applications under this funding announcement must be submitted using Form Assembly. When the application is live, a link will be posted on the Grants Announcement page of TAASA’s website under ARP-SA Grant, Offering 2.

Definitions

- **Culturally-affirming/appropriate services** – Culturally-affirming/appropriate services – services that respect and affirm the lived experiences of individuals that have been marginalized or have been historically underrepresented; where cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity are integrated into action and policy; where the service is relevant to the needs of the community and provided

by trained staff; where an advocate or organization recognizes each client is different with different needs, feelings, ideas and barriers; where programming is developed by and for a specific community; and where the sexual assault program partners with culturally-specific organizations in service delivery.

- **Mobile Advocacy** – means bringing advocacy services to sexual assault survivors in the community (i.e., meet survivors in safe spaces in the community which are convenient for survivors). Mobile advocacy can include a wide range of activities which are detailed in this announcement in the ***Additional Detail in Programming*** section.
- **New Hospital or Law Enforcement Agency** – is a hospital or law enforcement agency where the Applicant has not provided accompaniment services before or where accompaniment has been requested but could not be provided due to a lack of staff or resources.
- **Personally Identifying Information** means individually identifying information for or about an individual, including information likely to disclose the location of a victim of sexual assault regardless of whether the information is encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected. Personally identifying information includes a first and last name; a home or other physical address; contact information (including a postal, e-mail, or Internet protocol address, or telephone or facsimile number); a social security number, driver’s license number, passport number, or student identification number; and any other information, including date of birth, racial or ethnic background, or religious affiliation, that would serve to identify any individual.
- **Rape crisis center** means a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or tribal organization, or government entity in a state other than a territory that provides intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault without regard to their age. In the case of a governmental entity, the entity may not be part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency) and must be able to offer a comparable level of confidentiality as a nonprofit entity that provides similar victim services. See 34 U.S.C. §12291(a)(25). Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. §12511(b)(2)(C), intervention and related assistance may include:
 - 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral;
 - accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings;
 - crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members;
 - community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities;
 - development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described above.
- **System Agency** means the Texas Health and Human Service Commission.
- **Underserved Communities** means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic

location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identify, underserved racial and ethnic populations, and populations underserved because of special needs including language barriers, disabilities, immigration status, and age. Individuals with criminal histories due to victimization and individuals with substance use disorders and mental health issues are also included in this definition.

Programming

Population of focus – primarily survivors of sexual assault who are adults; however, projects can include services to teens/young adults (13-17), particularly survivors in underserved populations and those needing assistance with safety concerns related to COVID-19.

Focus Area – Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships, as defined below. A list of expenditures and activities appropriate for the focus area follows immediately after the summary. All activities proposed must align with the focus area.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We strongly encourage you to read the activities associated with Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships. The first two bullet(s) under the description is the main theme. All of the activities under the heading “Activities in support of Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships” are allowable in support of the main theme. You can find a comprehensive list of activities in this Funding Announcement. As a reminder, the primary purpose of this grant is to expand accompaniment into a new hospital(s) and/or a law enforcement agency(ies). All grantees must provide accompaniment with these funds.

Summary of Focus Area

Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships: *Projects may include but are not limited to staff and resource allotment to begin or maintain mobile advocacy programs to serve sexual assault survivors in-community. Projects may also include but are not limited to staff time and resources to support partnerships such as MOUs and contracts with healthcare and behavioral health providers, and the integration of those providers into sexual assault mobile advocacy programs. Projects must include an expansion of accompaniment into a new hospital(s) and/or a new law enforcement agency(ies).*

Regardless of the activities selected, these grant funds may be used to cover staff salaries and benefits to cover time spent on allowable activities.

Eligible Activities and Costs - The following information contains a comprehensive list of expenditures and activities appropriate for the focus area on this grant. Organizations are encouraged to propose activities that align with the purpose of this grant while also meeting the unique needs of survivors of sexual assault in their community.

Additional Detail on Programming:

Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships: Projects may include but are not limited to staff and resource allotment to begin or maintain mobile advocacy programs to serve sexual assault survivors in-community. Projects may also include but are not limited to staff time and resources to support partnerships such as MOUs and contracts with healthcare and behavioral health providers, and the integration of those providers into sexual assault mobile advocacy programs. Regardless of any other activities, grantees must provide accompaniment into a new hospital(s) and/or a new law enforcement agency(ies) with these funds.

- **Mobile Advocacy Services** - Costs related to building the capacity of advocacy staff to be mobile and meet survivors in the community to provide goal planning, counseling, and advocacy.
 - Training for advocate staff on core elements of survivor-led mobile advocacy
 - Mobile technology (lap-tops; cell phones; tablets) to support advocates' work in the field, including hospital and court accompaniment
 - Vehicle repair and roadside assistance
 - Gas and mileage expenses related to mobile advocacy
- **Outreach and Partnerships** - Costs associated with outreach to underserved populations to increase virtual access to sexual assault services and reduce the exposure to and risk of contracting the COVID 19 virus; and costs associated with strengthening partnerships with local and state public health authorities, local health departments, emergency services managers, health care providers, culturally specific community-based organizations, tribes, LGBTQ+ organizations, and rape crisis centers/sexual assault programs to improve emergency operations throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - Network mapping, formalizing partnerships via MOUs
 - Interdisciplinary taskforce development
 - Upgrade mobile apps to outreach via social media
 - Staff training on social media; analytics to determine reach and impact; evaluation and assessment
 - Purchasing subscriptions to enhance brochures and other materials that can be printed and/or posted on social media
 - Establish and maintain partnerships with:
 - Sexual Assault Response Teams
 - Culturally specific programs
 - Community centers
 - State and local health departments
 - Mobile health units to bring health resources (testing and vaccination) to RCCs
 - Schools to bring advocacy to organized wellness/ mental health events and testing/vaccine clinic hours

Activities in Support of Mobile Advocacy and Partnerships:

- Data Security - Cost associated with protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability of survivor services information, including safeguarding data from accidental or intentional disclosure.
 - Purchasing or upgrading of servers and firewall protection software
 - Training for staff and survivors on data security topics, including proper use of devices and service portals, security passwords, and data safety features
 - Renewing or obtaining IT contracts to support ongoing data security needs
- Supportive Services - Costs associated with the delivery of services to adult and teen victims of sexual assault and their dependents that are designed to meet the needs of such survivors and their dependents for short-term, transitional, or long-term safety and recovery.
 - Administrative expenses of rape crisis centers/sexual assault programs, culturally specific programs, and tribes, including:
 - Rental costs, utilities, and insurance for the facility
 - Bookkeeping software and support
 - Staffing (counselors, outreach workers, administrative staff, etc.)
 - Phones, office equipment and supplies
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
 - Generators, air filtration equipment, space heaters, window air conditioning units (installation costs not allowed)
- Workforce Expansions, Capacity Building and Supports- Costs associated with workforce expansions and supports, planning and implementation of services, training of providers and staff, increasing workforce capacity to ensure the continuity of sexual assault services.
 - Provide employee hiring bonuses and retention payments; childcare and transportation subsidies; and other fringe or personal benefits authorized by HHS regulation (45 CFR part 75), including:
 - Safe and voluntary access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines on-site at rape crisis centers
 - Increase program staff to support mitigation protocols for COVID-19
 - Supplies like Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to operate safely in-person or in community
 - Employee stipends (i.e., mental health/counseling, fitness programs, commuter stipends, tech stipends, healthcare stipends for part-time staff, etc.) **Allowable in Year 2 only**. See important note below.
 - Roadside assistance plans for employees whose position requires significant travel.
 - Livable wages through salary increases

- Work from home allowances, incentive pay (i.e., bonuses), appreciation/wellness/hazard pay. **Allowable in Year 2 only.** See important note below.
- Additional salary bumps for specialized knowledge/skills (e.g., survivors' lived expertise, 2nd-language skills, documented experience working with un/underserved communities)
- Hire and/or train more staff to meet the increased need and support implementation of mobile advocacy services; HHS data reporting on sexual assault services; and virtual/remote services
- Hire Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) consultants to provide policy review and training for staff and board members

An important note about Employee stipends and Work from home allowances, incentive pay (i.e., bonuses, appreciation/wellness/hazard pay.) These items are only allowable in Year 2 with a maximum amount allowed of 8% of your total budget and as a one-time expenditure. You will have the opportunity to add these costs during Year 2 budget development. In Year 2, organizations may include staff bonuses/incentives for all staff in the organization even if those staff are not on this grant if: 1) the staff bonuses/incentives are distributed in a fair and equitable manner and 2) the organization shows their methodology in determining staff bonuses/incentives, and 3) the organization has a board approved policy in place on how the incentives will be distributed.

Ineligible Activities/Expenditures - include but may not be limited to:

- Services related to domestic violence, child abuse, and human trafficking.
- Advertising and public relations other than those allowed by (2 CFR 200.421)
- Advisory Councils – costs incurred by advisory councils or committees are unallowable unless authorized by state law or executive order (2 CFR 200.422)
- Alcoholic beverages – costs of alcoholic beverages are unallowable (2 CFR 200.423)
- Audit Services – a reasonably proportionate share of the costs of audits required by and performed in accordance with state law and the audit requirements of Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) are allowable
- Bad debts (2 CFR 200.426)
- Cash payments to victims, gift cards, or fuel vouchers
- Capital Expenditures such as buildings and land are unallowable (2 CFR 200.439)
- Goods or services for personal use are unallowable (2 CFR 200.445)
- Defense and Prosecution of Criminal and Civil Proceedings, Claims, Appeals and Patent Infringements are not allowed (2 CFR 200.435)
- Entertainment, including amusement, diversion, and social activities and any associated costs are unallowable except where specific costs have a programmatic purpose and are authorized either in the approved budget or with prior written approval (2 CFR 200.438)

- Fines, penalties, damages, and other settlements resulting from local government violations, of, alleged violations, of, or failure to comply with, federal, state, local laws and regulations are unallowable
- Fund raising, including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitations of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred to raise capital or obtain contributions. (2 CFR 200.442).
- Idle facilities and idle capacity – payment for idle facilities is unallowable except when they are necessary to meet fluctuations in workload, they were necessary when acquired and are not idle because of changes in program requirements, efforts to achieve more economical operations, reorganization, termination, or other causes which could not have been reasonably foreseen (2 CFR 200.446). COVID as a global pandemic provides an exception to this requirement and organizations can continue to pay rent for staff on this grant and allow for remote work as allowed by each organization’s board.
- Interest – costs incurred for interest on borrowed capital are unallowable. Financing costs (including interest) to acquire capital assets are allowable, subject to conditions identified in TxGMS (2 CFR 200.449)
- Lobbying – costs associated with prohibited lobbying activities is not allowed (2 CFR 200.450)
- Losses on other awards or contracts are not allowed (2 CFR 200.451)
- Membership in any country club or social or dining club or organization is unallowable. Costs of membership in organizations whose primary purpose is lobbying are unallowable (2 CFR 200.454)
- Organization costs – costs associated with the establishment or reorganization of an organization (2 CFR 200.455)
- Political activities – grant funds cannot be used directly or indirectly for political purposes, including lobbying, advocating for legislation, campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties, and voter registration campaigns. Grant-funded employees may not use official authority or influence to achieve any political purpose and grant funds cannot be used for the salary, benefits, or any other compensation of an elected official.
- Pre-award costs are not allowable (2 CFR 200.458)
- Religious Activities – Grantee may not use grant funding to engage in inherently religious activities, such as proselytizing, scripture study, or worship. Grantees must not compel program beneficiaries to participate in inherently religious activities.
- Student activity costs – costs incurred for intramural activities, student publications, student clubs, and other student activities, are unallowable, unless specifically provided for the state award (2 CFR 200.469)

Accounting Requirements, Financial Capability and Reimbursements, Budgetary Controls, Internal Controls, Grant Monitoring, Progress Reports, and Outcome Measures

Accounting System Requirements

Grantees will be required to have accounting systems, and policies and procedures needed to track actual, allowable, and allocable costs incurred for this grant. Grantees must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). Grantees should plan on preparing and keeping a general ledger throughout this grant period. Grantees will be required to submit their general ledger to TAASA upon request. Grantees must establish a time and efforts system to track personnel costs by project. This information should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

TAASA staff will provide additional information and technical assistance regarding record-keeping post award. At a minimum, applicants are strongly encouraged to assess their current accounting system carefully before applying for this grant as Applicants can include the cost of an accounting system or accounting services in their budget.

Financial Capability

Grantees should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheets and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grantee during a fiscal year.

Financial Reimbursements

Reimbursements are requested via FSRs (Financial Status Reports). Grantees will be required to submit invoices for reimbursements by the 15th of every month via **SalesForce Communities**. One SalesForce Community account will be provided for grantees post award.

Budgetary Controls

Grantees should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts.

Internal Controls

Grantees must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Grant Monitoring

Grantees may be required to complete financial surveys, complete a desk review (written review of general recordkeeping, internal operations, and accounting control systems), provide clarification on services provided, or similar compliance measures. This could include an in-person financial assessment of your ARP-SA Grant, Offering 2 funds. All programs will receive a financial assessment and an on-site review of their program operations at least once during the entire project period or more frequently if needed. Technical Assistance is available if you need help getting your financial systems set up.

Progress Reports - Quarterly performance reports are required and are due on the last working day of the month following the end of each quarter (based on the federal fiscal year October 1 – September 30). Additional information may be required. A reporting template will be provided after the award. Below is the reporting schedule for FY 2023.

Quarter	Report Period	Report Due
3 rd Quarter	April 1, 2023 – June 31, 2023	July 28, 2023
4 th Quarter	July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023	October 31, 2023

Quarterly performance reports may include but are not limited to: # of unique victims served, demographic information for victims served (if available), # of instances of services provided (e.g., instances of accompaniment, advocacy, etc.), # of outreach events and # of participants, successes, challenges, and outcome data (e.g., impact in the community because of this project).

In addition to quarterly reports, an annual report will be required. The annual report will be due October 31st of each grant year except in Year 3 when this report will be due April 30, 2025. TAASA staff will provide additional information on the annual report post award.

Additionally, as this is a federal grant, HHS or HHSC may add additional reporting requirements throughout the project period. If that is the case, TAASA staff will inform you of these additional requirements.

Outcome Measures

TAASA will be collecting information from Grantees related to the following outcomes (when applicable):

- Meaningful partnerships with health care providers, law enforcement agencies, and SARTs.
- Increased access and utilization of mobile advocacy services
- Increased access to health, wellbeing, and behavioral health support for survivors
- Enhanced supportive services for survivors that are safe and accessible

In addition to the required outcomes, Grantees may indicate Other Outcomes they plan to collect.

This is a federal grant, so HHS or HHSC may add additional outcome requirements though-out the project period. If that is the case, TAASA staff will inform you of these additional requirements.

Additional Grant Requirements

Certifications – to receive this award, your authorized official will be required to certify the organization’s compliance with the following:

- Grantee assures that it will follow the guidelines in the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) which can be found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/grant-management/>.
- Grantee assures compliance with all federal/state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, including but not limited to 2 CFR, Part 200 which can be found at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1>
- Annual Single Audit – if grantee, within Grantee’s fiscal year, expends at least \$750,000 in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards. If Grantee, within Grantee’s fiscal year, expends at least \$750,000 in state funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with TxGMS. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and TxGMS. Each Grantee that does not meet the expenditure threshold for a single audit or program specific audit, must provide financial statements for the audit period.
- Confidentiality
 - Grantee shall maintain as confidential and shall not disclose to third parties without HHSC’s prior written consent, any HHSC information including but not limited to HHSC’s business activities, practices, systems, conditions and services. This section will survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement.
 - Grantee must comply with the confidentiality requirements in 45 CFR 1370.4 which can be found at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-XIII/subchapter-H/part-1370/subpart-A/section-1370.4>
 - Grantee must comply with Texas Government Code 420.071, Confidential Communication and Records; Privilege relating to communication between

an advocate and a survivor. The statute can be found at <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.420.htm>

- Equal Employment Opportunity – Grantee represents and warrants its compliance with all applicable duly enacted state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunities.
- Federal Funding and Transparency Act – Pursuant to 2 CFR 170.100, Grantee agrees that if they are required to complete the FFATA certification, they will contact TAASA to provide this information. Exceptions (2 CFR 170,110), none of the requirements regarding reporting names and total compensation of a non-Federal entity's five most highly compensated executives apply unless in the non-Federal entity's preceding fiscal year, it received -
 - (i) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenue in Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance awards subject to the Transparency Act, as defined in 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
 - (ii) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenue from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance awards subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320; and
 - The public does not have access to information about the compensation of senior executives, unless otherwise publicly available, through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- Lobbying Prohibition – Lobbying Prohibition - Grantee represents and warrants that payment to Grantee and Grantee's receipt of appropriated or other funds, under this grant or any related Solicitation are not prohibited by Sections 556.005, 556.0055, or 556.008 of the Texas Government Code (relating to use of appropriated money or state funds to employ or pay lobbyists, lobbying expenses, or influence legislation).
- Monitoring – Grantee agrees to permit on-site monitoring visits and desk reviews, as deemed necessary by HHSC or TAASA to review all financial or other records and management control system relevant to the provision of services under this grant.
- Non-discrimination – Grantee agrees to comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. This includes 45 CFR 1370.5(d) which requires that services must be provided without requiring documentation of immigration status. HHS has determined that services provided with these grant funds do not fall within the definition of a federal public benefit that would require verification of immigration status.
- Population of Focus – Grantee certifies that the funds will be used to provide services to the population of focus as defined in the Funding Announcement. The Grantee further certifies that the funds will not be used for domestic violence, child abuse, or human trafficking services.

- Requirement for Participating in Services - In alignment with 45 CFR 1370.10(b)(10), the receipt of supportive services shall be voluntary. No requirement for participating in services may be imposed by the Grantee. The receipt of services cannot be conditioned on participation in other services including but not limited to counseling, life skills training, substance use disorder treatment, specific legal remedies, etc.
- Return of Grant Funds in the event of loss or misuse – Grantee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of these funds, grantee will return the funds to TAASA.
- Suspension and Debarment – Grantee certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the State of Texas Debarred Vendor List maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the System for Award Management (SAM) maintained by the General Services Administration. This certification is made pursuant to the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR Part 376, and any relevant regulations promulgated by the Department or Agency funding this project.
 - State of Texas Debarred Vendor List – <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/programs/vendor-performance-tracking/debarred-vendors.php>
 - System for Award Management - <https://sam.gov/content/exclusions>

Required Documents that Must be Uploaded with the Application:

- A Resolution of Governing Body,
- Job Descriptions for all personnel that will be on this grant.
- Your organization’s Office of the Attorney General Sexual Assault Training Program Certification certificate or your organization’s Office of the Attorney General Sexual Assault Training Program Certification application with proof of submission
- One support document specific to this grant for each of the following that your organization plans to provide:
 - Hospital Accompaniment – a support document from a hospital representative or a Sane Nurse
 - Law Enforcement Accompaniment – a support document from a representative or staff of the Law Enforcement Agency

The support document must contain the following components: a statement of the need for accompaniment, an acknowledgement of a lack of current services, and a description of how the hospital and/or law enforcement agency plans to utilize accompaniment services. The support document must be signed and dated by the individuals providing the document. The Applicant’s agency does not have to sign the support document.

- A Work Plan and a Year 1 Budget using an Excel document template that can be found here: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FY-2023-ARP-SA->

[Grant-Offering-2-Work-Plan-and-Application-Budget-Templates-Final-1.xlsx](#) and in the application.

Required Technical Assistance

All grantees are required to participate in technical assistance with the TAASA ARP-SA Grant staff at least quarterly. Technical assistance is available more frequently at any time upon request.

Funding Decisions and Grant Acceptance

This is a competitive grant. As such, TAASA plans to fund approximately 5-8 applicants (award amounts are subject to the application review process, scoring, available funding, and demonstrated need).

TAASA will use outside scorers to score and rank the applicants. Once scored, ARP-SA Staff will conduct a review of your organization's application and proposed project. Your organization may be contacted in the review process to provide clarification on items listed in your application.

Final decisions on funding, funding levels, and appropriateness of programming will be determined by TAASA. Decisions of TAASA are final and are not subject to appeal.

TAASA will email the funding decision to your listed authorized official along with any corrective action needed to complete the granting process. Once awardees are notified, complete the acceptance process ASAP to begin your project and access funds.

Resources for this Grant

Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative

The first large-scale project to address the challenges dual/multi-service programs face in reaching sexual assault survivors by dedicating resources, support, and replicable tools tailored specifically to the needs of those programs. Materials that were developed as part of this project can be found at <https://www.nsvrc.org/sexual-assault-demonstration-initiative>.

National Resources relevant to this grant

- National Health Resource Center of Domestic Violence
 - IPVHealthPartners.org - step-by-step online guide for community health centers on building partnerships with SV and SA advocacy
 - IPVHealth.org - online toolkit for health care providers and DV advocates to prepare a clinical practice to address domestic and sexual violence
- <https://telehealthresourcecenter.org/> - resource for virtual services

- <https://www.techsafety.org/digital-services-during-public-health-crises>

General Technical Assistance

TAASA staff is available for technical assistance throughout the project period of this grant. For assistance contact Peggy Helton at ARP-SA@taasa.org or 512-474-7190, Ext 119.

Collective Healing Initiative (CHI) is a learning project that fosters a network dedicated to the wellness and healing of black, indigenous, and other communities of color. By prioritizing culturally-affirming practices, we hope to support the important work of healing from complex and historical trauma, including sexual violence. For more information on the CHI, visit the website at <https://www.taasachi.org/> or email us at collectivehealing@taasa.org.

One final note: TAASA is committed to fulfilling its obligation as a pass-through entity for this grant. It is our desire to build a strong partnership with funded organizations to ensure the success of this unique grant opportunity. Please reach out to the ARP-SA Support Team at ARP-SA@taasa.org if you have any questions regarding this grant opportunity.

Helpful Links to Grant Application Documents – below are links to documents provided in support of this grant offering:

- Grant Application Questions Offering 2 – these are the questions that will be asked to respond to during the application process. The Grant Application Questions can be accessed at: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Grant-Application-Questions-Offering-2-Final.pdf>
- Grant Application Instructions Offering 2 – this is a companion document to the Grant Application Questions and provides detailed instructions on how to fill out the application. The Grant Application Instructions can be accessed at: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Grant-Application-Instructions-Offering-2-Final.pdf>
- FY 2023 ARP-SA Grant Offering 2 Work Plan and Application Budget Templates. The Work Plan and Budget Templates can be accessed at: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FY-2023-ARP-SA-Grant-Offering-2-Work-Plan-and-Application-Budget-Templates-Final-1.xlsx>
- Sample Resolution of Governing Body – this is a sample of a Resolution of Governing Body that you can use if needed. The Sample Resolution can be accessed at: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Sample-Resolution-of-Governing-Body-1.doc>

- Texas Map with Counties Identified as Priority – this is a map of Texas identifying the counties of priority for this grant. The Texas Map with Counties of Priority can be accessed at: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Texas-Map-with-Counties-Identified-as-Priority.png>
- Texas Map with County Names – this is a general map of Texas showing the county names. The Texas Map with County Names can be accessed at: <https://taasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Texas-Map-with-County-Names.gif>

Next Steps

- Review this Funding Announcement in its entirety to ensure you have a good understanding of the grant requirements.
- Develop your project using the funding announcement as a tool to plan your activities.
- Use the link to Form Assembly that will be posted on TAASA's Grant Announcement webpage to complete your application.
- Await the funding decision. TAASA expects to send notification of the decision about this grant opportunity by March 27, 2023.