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## **VIDHS Notice of Funding Availability: Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP)**

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** - The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (VIDHS) announces the availability of **Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP)** funding opportunity for eligible nonprofit and nongovernmental domestic violence and sexual assault service providers. The award period will end on **July 31, 2027**.

The **SASP Formula Program** allocates federal grant funding to states and territories to support rape crisis centers and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault of all ages. These funds are intended to supplement existing state and territorial resources dedicated to addressing sexual assault.

Rape crisis centers and other nonprofit organizations—including dual service providers offering both domestic violence and sexual assault intervention services—play a critical role in supporting survivors throughout their healing process. These organizations assist victims in navigating medical care, the criminal justice system, and other essential social support services.

VIDHS encourages all eligible organizations to apply for this funding opportunity to enhance their programs and strengthen services for sexual assault survivors across the Virgin Islands.

**To request an application**, interested organizations should email [lavern.marsh@dhs.vi.gov](mailto:lavern.marsh@dhs.vi.gov) with the subject line: **"REQUEST FOR SASP FORMULA PROGRAM APPLICATION."**

Applications may also be obtained in person at the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services offices:

- **St. Thomas:** Knud Hansen Complex, Hospital Ground
- **St. Croix:** 3012 Golden Rock, Christiansted, VI 00820

For additional information, please call **(340) 725-3123**. Completed applications must be submitted **electronically or delivered in person no later than May 15, 2026**.

The Department of Human Services (VIDHS) exists to provide social services to members in our community with diverse needs. In times of national uncertainty and hardship we act as a safety-net and exist to inspire hope and empower change through non-judgmental, quality delivery of needed services and resources. Please visit the Department of Human Services website, [www.dhs.gov.vi](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>).

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