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HHS Updates

Federal Grant Related Information/Updates (includes FVPSA)

1. HHS Strengthens Response to Domestic Violence through the New Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (from March 20, 2023)

A new office, the “Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS)” was created in March 2023, under the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

“ACF has identified preventing and addressing domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and dating violence as a key priority. ACF’s Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) has been doing this work alongside states, tribes, and territories through its Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services for many years. With this office realignment, the Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services will move out of ACF’s FYSB and into the Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary as the new OFVPS, allowing ACF to continue this work in partnership with health and social service agencies to improve support for families experiencing violence and trauma as Congress intended when it first authorized the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. Creating a separate office and establishing this new office in the Assistant Secretary’s Office will better position OFVPS to support a comprehensive approach to domestic violence prevention across ACF, HHS, and the federal government.

The new Director of OFVPS is Shawndell Dawson, who has an extraordinary record of federal service and national advocacy experience on the issues of domestic and dating violence prevention, including leading ACF’s domestic violence services and interagency partnerships as the Director of the Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services, within ACF’s FYSB.

Three of the priority goals of the new OFVPS will be to:

- Develop an ACF-wide strategy and action plan for preventing and responding to domestic violence across social service programs. This ACF-wide strategy will better leverage existing services available for survivors of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and dating violence; maximize public-private partnerships; and strengthen coordination with other federal and state government funding mechanisms for survivors.
- Maintain and lead coordination and collaboration efforts across agency partners, including continued and strengthened partnerships with the new HHS Office of Assistant Secretary for Health’s Director of Sexual & Gender-Based Violence, the Department of Justice, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and more.
- Prioritize the continued implementation appropriations to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

An established office within ACF with a singular focus on domestic violence and intimate partner violence reflects the Administration’s priorities and demonstrates a deep understanding of the scale of domestic violence in this country and the needs of all families accessing ACF services.

All ACF news releases, fact sheets, and other materials are available on the [ACF news page](#). Follow [ACF on Twitter](#) exit disclaimer icon for more updates.”

2. FVPSA: Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) FVPSA Annual Funding and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Performance Progress Report (PPR) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Formula and Discretionary Grant Recipients

[View the FAQ here.](#)

- DATE: October 27, 2022
- FROM: Shawndell N. Dawson, Director
- Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services
- Family and Youth Services Bureau
- Administration for Children, Youth, and Families
- TO: Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Recipients
- SUBJECT: Frequently Asked Questions on the Performance Progress Reports (PPR) for FVPSA annual core funding and FVPSA American Rescue Plan (ARP) supplemental funding

Performance progress reports (PPR) document grant recipient accomplishments and compliance with terms of federal grant awards. The FVPSA Program has received many questions from FVPSA grant recipients about their ability to combine reporting of ARP supplemental funding with their annual core FVPSA funding performance progress reports. Combined reporting of the annual FVPSA core funding and ARP funding is not allowed, and grant recipients are required to submit one PPR for their annual core FVPSA funding and one separate PPR for all their ARP supplemental funding. The FVPSA Program’s responses and clarifications to grant recipient performance progress reporting questions are discussed in this document.

In accordance with federal regulations and statutes, the FVPSA PPR reporting process for states, territories, tribes, coalitions, and discretionary grant recipients has not changed and the instructions listed in each form for completing and submitting PPR reports has not changed at all. FVPSA grant recipients are expected to use the same processes for reporting and submitting PPR reports to the FVPSA Program that they have used over the past 12 years.

Please note that the FVPSA Program only has one set of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) approved reporting forms for annual reporting from the states, tribes, and coalitions, OMB Approval Number: 0970-0280, Expiration Date: 05/31/2024. The FVPSA Program only has one ACF OMB PRA approved reporting form for discretionary grant recipients OMB Approval Number: 0970-0406 Expiration Date: 11/30/2022. FVPSA grant recipients will not be required to make substantive changes to their reporting processes or procedures for one-time ARP supplemental funding.

FVPSA ONLINE RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT

FVPSA FAQ Page: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/fvpsa-grants-frequently-asked-questions>

FVPSA Learning Portal Page: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/programs/family-violence-prevention-services/fvpsa-arp-grants-portal/fvpsa-arp-learning-portal>

FVPSA Federal Project Officers Regional Contact List: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/contact-information/fvpsa-federal-project-officers-regional-contact-list>

3. FVPSA: ARPA Learning Portal

[This page](#) includes descriptions and links to upcoming regional meetings, technical assistance opportunities through our Resource Centers, prerecorded learning sessions, and American Rescue Plan grants webinars. Please bookmark this page, as we will add links and offer additional learning opportunities throughout the year.

Training Opportunities
Financial Grants Management Training

FVPSA collaborated with the Office of Grants Management to host three specific Financial Grants Management Training sessions. These modules included valuable information to help grantees and sub-grantees navigate the FVPSA American Rescue Plan Grants process. Resources, such as pre-recorded sessions, slides, and frequently asked questions documents are available through the links below.

Financial Grants Management Training Resources

Module #1

[Video \(EN\)](#)

[Slides \(EN\)](#)

[FAQs \(EN\)](#)

Module #2

[Video \(EN\)](#)

[Slides \(EN\)](#)

[FAQs \(EN\)](#)

Module #3

[Video \(EN\)](#)

[Slides \(EN\)](#)

[FAQs \(EN\)](#)

[Download our FVPSA Financial Grants Management - Grantee Resource Kit \(PPTX\)](#) to acquire links to regulations, resources, and tools that can help you build upon these training sessions.



Upcoming Events

Advocate Check In Calls – Every Second Thursday of the Month - 10:00am EST

Tribal Trafficking/MMIP Work Group – Every Other Third Thursday of the Month – 1:00pm EST

For more information about any upcoming events, reach out to UTFAV Training Coordinator at vpatzwald@utfav.org