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To amend the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to make improvements.

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Mrs. MCBATH (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mrs. KIM of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to make improvements.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES; SEVERABILITY.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement  
6 Act of 2023”.

7 (b) **REFERENCES.**—Except as otherwise specified,  
8 amendments made by this Act to a section or other provi-  
9 sion of law are amendments to such section or other provi-

1 sion of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act  
2 (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.).

3 (c) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this Act, an  
4 amendment made by this Act, or the application of such  
5 provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is  
6 held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the  
7 amendments made by this Act, and the application of such  
8 provision or amendment to any person or circumstance  
9 shall not be affected thereby.

10 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

11 Subsection (b) of section 301 (42 U.S.C. 10401) is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 “(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to im-  
14 prove services and interventions for victims of domestic  
15 violence, dating violence, and family violence, and to ad-  
16 vance primary and secondary prevention of domestic vio-  
17 lence, dating violence, and family violence by—

18 “(1) assisting States and territories in sup-  
19 porting local domestic violence, dating violence, and  
20 family violence programs to provide accessible, trau-  
21 ma-informed, culturally relevant residential and non-  
22 residential services to domestic violence, dating vio-  
23 lence, and family violence victims and their children  
24 and dependents;

1           “(2) strengthening the capacity of Indian  
2 Tribes to exercise their sovereign authority to re-  
3 spond to domestic violence, dating violence, and fam-  
4 ily violence committed against Indians;

5           “(3) providing for a network of technical assist-  
6 ance and training centers to support effective policy,  
7 practice, research, and cross-system collaboration to  
8 improve intervention and prevention efforts through-  
9 out the country;

10           “(4) supporting the efforts of State, territorial,  
11 and Tribal coalitions to document and address the  
12 needs of victims and their children and dependents,  
13 including victims and their children and dependents  
14 who are underserved, implement effective coordi-  
15 nated community and systems responses, and pro-  
16 mote ongoing public education and community en-  
17 gagement;

18           “(5) maintaining national domestic violence,  
19 dating violence, and family violence hotlines, includ-  
20 ing a national Indian domestic violence, dating vio-  
21 lence, and family violence hotline; and

22           “(6) supporting the development and implemen-  
23 tation of evidence-informed, coalition-led, and com-  
24 munity-based primary prevention approaches and  
25 programs.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 302 (42 U.S.C. 10402) is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 **“SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.**

5 “In this title:

6 “(1) ALASKA NATIVE.—The term ‘Alaska Na-  
7 tive’ has the meaning given the term Native in sec-  
8 tion 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
9 (43 U.S.C. 1602).

10 “(2) CHILD.—The term ‘child’ means an indi-  
11 vidual who is younger than age 18.

12 “(3) DATING PARTNER.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘dating  
14 partner’ means any person who is or has been  
15 in a social relationship of a romantic or inti-  
16 mate nature with an abuser, and where the ex-  
17 istence of such a relationship shall be deter-  
18 mined based on a consideration of one or more  
19 of the following factors:

20 “(i) The length of the relationship.

21 “(ii) The type of the relationship.

22 “(iii) The frequency of interaction be-  
23 tween the persons involved in the relation-  
24 ship.

25 “(iv) The cultural context of the rela-  
26 tionship.

1           “(B) CONSTRUCTION.—Sexual contact is  
2           not a necessary component of a relationship de-  
3           scribed in subparagraph (A).

4           “(4) DIGITAL SERVICES.—The term ‘digital  
5           services’ means services, resources, information, sup-  
6           port, or referrals provided through electronic com-  
7           munications platforms and media, which may in-  
8           clude mobile phone technology, video technology,  
9           computer technology (including use of the internet),  
10          and any other emerging communications tech-  
11          nologies that are appropriate for the purposes of  
12          providing services, resources, information, support,  
13          or referrals for the benefit of victims of domestic vio-  
14          lence, dating violence, and family violence.

15          “(5) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,  
16          FAMILY VIOLENCE.—The terms ‘domestic violence’,  
17          ‘dating violence’, and ‘family violence’ mean any act,  
18          threatened act, or pattern of acts of physical or sex-  
19          ual violence, stalking, harassment, psychological  
20          abuse, economic abuse, technological abuse, or any  
21          other form of abuse, including threatening to com-  
22          mit harm against children or dependents or other  
23          members of the household of the recipient of the  
24          threat for the purpose of coercion, threatening, or  
25          causing harm, directed against—

1           “(A) a dating partner or other person  
2           similarly situated to a dating partner under the  
3           laws of the jurisdiction;

4           “(B) a person who is cohabitating with or  
5           has cohabitated with the person committing  
6           such an act;

7           “(C) a current or former spouse or other  
8           person similarly situated to a spouse under the  
9           laws of the jurisdiction;

10          “(D) a person who shares a child or de-  
11          pendent in common with the person committing  
12          such an act;

13          “(E) a person who is related by marriage,  
14          blood, or is otherwise legally related; or

15          “(F) any other person who is protected  
16          from any such act under the domestic or family  
17          violence laws, policies, or regulations of the ju-  
18          risdiction.

19          “(6) ECONOMIC ABUSE.—The term ‘economic  
20          abuse’, when used in the context of domestic vio-  
21          lence, dating violence, and family violence, means be-  
22          havior that is coercive or deceptive related to a per-  
23          son’s ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic  
24          resources to which they are entitled, or that unrea-  
25          sonably controls or restrains a person’s ability to ac-

1       quire, use, or maintain economic resources to which  
2       they are entitled. This includes using coercion,  
3       fraud, or manipulation to—

4               “(A) restrict a person’s access to money,  
5               assets, credit, or financial information;

6               “(B) unfairly use a person’s personal eco-  
7               nomic resources, including money, assets, and  
8               credit, for one’s own advantage; or

9               “(C) exert undue influence over a person’s  
10              financial and economic behavior or decisions,  
11              including forcing default on joint or other fi-  
12              nancial obligations, exploiting powers of attor-  
13              ney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing  
14              or neglecting to act in the best interests of a  
15              person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.

16              “(7) INDIAN; INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZA-  
17              TION.—The terms ‘Indian’, ‘Indian Tribe’, and  
18              ‘Tribal organization’ have the meanings given the  
19              terms ‘Indian’, ‘Indian tribe’, and ‘tribal organiza-  
20              tion’, respectively, in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-  
21              termination and Education Assistance Act (25  
22              U.S.C. 5304).

23              “(8) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—  
24              The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the

1 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
2 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

3 “(9) NATIVE HAWAIIAN; NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR-  
4 GANIZATION.—The terms ‘Native Hawaiian’ and  
5 ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ have the meanings  
6 given such terms in section 6207 of the Native Ha-  
7 waiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).

8 “(10) PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMA-  
9 TION.—The term ‘personally identifying information’  
10 has the meaning given the term in section 40002(a)  
11 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34  
12 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

13 “(11) POPULATION SPECIFIC SERVICES.—The  
14 term ‘population specific services’ has the meaning  
15 given such term in section 40002(a) of the Violence  
16 Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

17 “(12) RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUP;  
18 RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY POPULATION.—The  
19 terms ‘racial and ethnic minority group’ and ‘racial  
20 and ethnic minority population’ include each group  
21 listed in the definition of such term in section  
22 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 300u–6(g)).

24 “(13) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’  
25 means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.



1           “(14) SHELTER.—The term ‘shelter’ means the  
2           provision of temporary refuge and basic necessities,  
3           in conjunction with supportive services, provided on  
4           a regular basis, in compliance with applicable State,  
5           Tribal, territorial, or local law to victims of domestic  
6           violence, dating violence, or family violence and their  
7           children and dependents. Such law includes regula-  
8           tions governing the provision of safe homes and  
9           other forms of secure temporary lodging, meals,  
10          other basic necessities, or supportive services to vic-  
11          tims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family  
12          violence and their children and dependents.

13          “(15) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of  
14          the several States, the District of Columbia, the  
15          Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, except as other-  
16          wise provided, Guam, American Samoa, the United  
17          States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the  
18          Northern Mariana Islands.

19          “(16) STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALI-  
20          TION.—The term ‘State Domestic Violence Coalition’  
21          means a statewide nongovernmental nonprofit pri-  
22          vate domestic violence, dating violence, and family  
23          organization designated by the Secretary that—

24                  “(A) has a membership that includes a  
25                  majority of the primary-purpose domestic vio-

1           lence, dating violence, and family violence serv-  
2           ice providers in the State;

3           “(B) has board membership that is rep-  
4           resentative of primary-purpose domestic vio-  
5           lence, dating violence, and family violence serv-  
6           ice providers, and which may include represent-  
7           atives of the communities in which the services  
8           are being provided in the State;

9           “(C) has as its purpose to provide edu-  
10          cation, support, and technical assistance to such  
11          service providers to enable the providers to es-  
12          tablish and maintain shelter and supportive  
13          services for victims of domestic violence, dating  
14          violence, and family violence and their children  
15          and dependents; and

16          “(D) serves as an information clearing-  
17          house, primary point of contact, and resource  
18          center on domestic violence, dating violence,  
19          and family violence for the State and supports  
20          the development of policies, protocols, and proce-  
21          dures to enhance domestic violence, dating vio-  
22          lence, and family violence intervention and pre-  
23          vention in the State.

24          “(17) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term ‘sup-  
25          portive services’ means services for adult and youth

1 victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or fam-  
2 ily violence, and children and dependents exposed to  
3 domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence,  
4 that are designed to—

5 “(A) meet the needs of such victims of do-  
6 mestic violence, dating violence, or family vio-  
7 lence, and their children and dependents, for  
8 short-term, transitional, or long-term safety;  
9 and

10 “(B) provide counseling, advocacy, or as-  
11 sistance for victims of domestic violence, dating  
12 violence, or family violence, and their children  
13 and dependents.

14 “(18) TECHNOLOGICAL ABUSE.—The term  
15 ‘technological abuse’ means an act or pattern of be-  
16 havior that—

17 “(A) occurs within domestic violence, dat-  
18 ing violence, or family violence;

19 “(B) is intended to harm, threaten, intimi-  
20 date, control, stalk, harass, impersonate, ex-  
21 ploit, extort, or monitor, except as otherwise  
22 permitted by law, another person; and

23 “(C) uses any form of information tech-  
24 nology, including any of the following:

25 “(i) Internet-enabled devices.

1 “(ii) Online spaces or platforms.

2 “(iii) Computers, mobile devices, or  
3 software applications.

4 “(iv) Location tracking devices.

5 “(v) Communication technologies.

6 “(vi) Cameras or imaging platforms.

7 “(vii) Any other emerging technology.

8 “(19) TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALI-  
9 TION.—The term ‘Tribal domestic violence coalition’  
10 means an established nonprofit, nongovernmental  
11 Indian organization recognized by the Office of Vio-  
12 lence Against Women at the Department of Justice  
13 that—

14 “(A) provides education, support, and tech-  
15 nical assistance to member Indian service pro-  
16 viders in a manner that enables the member  
17 providers to establish and maintain culturally  
18 appropriate services, including shelter (includ-  
19 ing supportive services) designed to assist In-  
20 dian victims of domestic violence, dating vio-  
21 lence, or family violence and the children and  
22 dependents of such victims; and

23 “(B) is comprised of members that are  
24 representative of—

1                   “(i) the member service providers de-  
2                   scribed in subparagraph (A); and

3                   “(ii) the Tribal communities in which  
4                   the services are being provided.

5                   “(20) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED OFFICIAL.—The  
6                   term ‘Tribally designated official’ means an indi-  
7                   vidual designated by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organi-  
8                   zation, or nonprofit private organization authorized  
9                   by an Indian Tribe, to administer a grant under sec-  
10                  tion 309.

11                  “(21) UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS; UNDER-  
12                  SERVED INDIVIDUALS.—The terms ‘underserved  
13                  populations’ and ‘underserved individuals’ mean vic-  
14                  tims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family  
15                  violence, and their children and dependents who face  
16                  obstacles in accessing and using State, Tribal, terri-  
17                  torial, or local domestic violence, dating violence, or  
18                  family violence services, or who may be overrepre-  
19                  sented in experiencing domestic violence, dating vio-  
20                  lence, or family violence due to historical barriers.  
21                  Populations may be underserved on the basis of,  
22                  marginalized racial and ethnic minority populations,  
23                  Indigenous status, cultural and language barriers,  
24                  immigration status, disabilities, mental health needs,  
25                  sexual orientation or gender identity, age (including

1 both elders and children), geographical location,  
2 faith or religious practice or lack thereof, or other  
3 bases, as determined by the Secretary.

4 “(22) VICTIM.—The term ‘victim’ means an in-  
5 dividual against whom an act of domestic violence,  
6 dating violence, or family violence is carried out.

7 “(23) YOUTH.—The term ‘youth’ has the  
8 meaning given the term in section 4002(a) of the Vi-  
9 olence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C.  
10 12291(a)(45)).”.

11 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 Section 303 (42 U.S.C. 10403) is amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 **“SEC. 303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
17 appropriated to carry out sections 301 through 312  
18 and 316, \$270,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
19 through 2028.

20 “(2) RESERVATIONS FOR GRANTS TO TRIBES.—

21 Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1)  
22 for a fiscal year, 12.5 percent shall be reserved and  
23 used to carry out section 309.

24 “(3) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—Of the  
25 amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fis-

1 cal year and not reserved under paragraph (2) (re-  
2 ferred to in this subsection as the ‘remainder’), not  
3 less than 70 percent shall be used for making grants  
4 under section 306(a).

5 “(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING  
6 CENTERS.—Of the remainder, not less than 6 per-  
7 cent shall be used to carry out section 310.

8 “(5) GRANTS FOR STATE AND TRIBAL DOMES-  
9 TIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—Of the remainder—

10 “(A) not less than 10 percent shall be used  
11 to carry out section 311; and

12 “(B) not less than 3 percent shall be used  
13 to carry out section 311A.

14 “(6) SPECIALIZED SERVICES.—Of the remain-  
15 der, not less than 5 percent shall be used to carry  
16 out section 312.

17 “(7) CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES.—Of the  
18 remainder, not less 2.5 percent shall be used to  
19 carry out section 316.

20 “(8) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MON-  
21 ITORING.—Of the remainder, not more than 3.5 per-  
22 cent shall be used by the Secretary for evaluation,  
23 monitoring, and other administrative costs under  
24 this title.

1 “(b) NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.—  
2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section  
3 313 \$14,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through  
4 2028.

5 “(c) NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOT-  
6 LINE.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry  
7 out section 313A \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
8 through 2028.

9 “(d) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCE-  
10 MENT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH ALLIANCES.—There  
11 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 314  
12 \$26,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

13 “(e) GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.—  
14 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section  
15 315 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through  
16 2028.

17 “(f) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—There is author-  
18 ized to be appropriated for research and evaluation of ac-  
19 tivities under this title \$3,500,000 for each of fiscal years  
20 2024 through 2028.”.

21 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.**

22 Section 304 (42 U.S.C. 10404) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or in-  
25 stitutions of higher education, including to sup-



1 port and evaluate demonstration or discre-  
2 tionary projects in response to current and  
3 emerging issues,” after “nongovernmental enti-  
4 ties”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “CAPTA  
6 Reauthorization Act of 2010” and inserting  
7 “Family Violence Prevention and Services Im-  
8 provement Act of 2023”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “have ex-  
11 pertise in the field of family violence and do-  
12 mestic violence prevention and services and, to  
13 the extent practicable, have expertise in the  
14 field of dating violence;” and inserting “have  
15 expertise in the field of domestic violence, dat-  
16 ing violence, and family violence prevention and  
17 services;”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “preven-  
19 tion and treatment of” and inserting “preven-  
20 tion of, intervention in, and treatment of;” and

21 (C) in paragraph (3)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
23 and” and inserting a semicolon; and

24 (ii) by adding after subparagraph (C)  
25 the following:

1           “(D) making grants to eligible entities or  
2           entering into contracts with for-profit or non-  
3           profit nongovernmental entities or institutions  
4           of higher education to conduct domestic vio-  
5           lence, dating violence, and family violence re-  
6           search or evaluation; and”;

7           (3) by adding at the end the following:

8           “(d) EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In response to any emer-  
10          gency or disaster described in paragraph (3) that  
11          substantially disrupts the provision of services under  
12          this title, for the duration of the emergency or dis-  
13          aster, the Secretary may—

14                 “(A) modify or broaden the allowable uses  
15                 of funds by grantees and subgrantees solely to  
16                 ensure the continuity of services authorized  
17                 under this title, including for remote and mobile  
18                 service delivery; and

19                 “(B) modify or waive any administrative  
20                 conditions, processes, or deadlines, including  
21                 with respect to—

22                         “(i) application requirements;

23                         “(ii) reporting requirements; and

24                         “(iii) grant award extensions.

1           “(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
2           section shall be construed to allow altering or  
3           waiving the requirements in section 306(c)(2).

4           “(3) EMERGENCIES DESCRIBED.—The emer-  
5           gencies and disasters described in this paragraph are  
6           the following:

7                   “(A) A major disaster declared by the  
8                   President under section 401 of the Robert T.  
9                   Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
10                  ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

11                  “(B) An emergency declared by the Presi-  
12                  dent under section 501 of the Robert T. Staf-  
13                  ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance  
14                  Act (42 U.S.C. 5191).

15                  “(C) A public health emergency deter-  
16                  mined by the Secretary of Health and Human  
17                  Services pursuant to section 319 of the Public  
18                  Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).”.

19 **SEC. 6. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.**

20           Section 305 (42 U.S.C. 10405) is amended—

21                   (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
22           lows:

23                   “(a) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appropriated  
24           under section 303 and available for grants to States under  
25           section 306(a) for any fiscal year, each State shall be allot-

1 ted for a grant under section 306(a), \$600,000, with the  
 2 remaining funds to be allotted to each State (other than  
 3 Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Is-  
 4 lands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
 5 Islands) in an amount that bears the same ratio to such  
 6 remaining funds as the population of such State bears to  
 7 the population of all such States (excluding Guam, Amer-  
 8 ican Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the  
 9 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).”;

10 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “under section  
 11 314” each place such term appears and inserting  
 12 “under this title”; and

13 (3) by striking subsection (f).

14 **SEC. 7. FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.**

15 Section 306 (42 U.S.C. 10406) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “depend-  
 18 ents” and inserting “children and dependents”;

19 and

20 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “Indi-  
 21 ans, members of Indian Tribes, or” after “who  
 22 are”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to  
2 read as follows:

3 “(A) APPLICATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS PRO-  
4 VISIONS.—Programs and activities funded in  
5 whole or in part with funds made available  
6 under this title are considered to be programs  
7 and activities receiving Federal financial assist-  
8 ance for the purpose of applying the prohibi-  
9 tions against discrimination under the Age Dis-  
10 crimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et  
11 seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of  
12 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title IX of the Edu-  
13 cation Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et  
14 seq.), section 40002(b)(13)(A) of the Violence  
15 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
16 12291(b)(13)(A)), and title VI of the Civil  
17 Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et  
18 seq.).”;

19 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

20 (I) by inserting “, including sex-  
21 ual orientation or gender identity,”  
22 after “on the ground of sex”; and

23 (II) by striking the second sen-  
24 tence and inserting the following: “If  
25 sex-segregated or sex-specific pro-

1                   programming is necessary to the essential  
2                   operation of a program, nothing in  
3                   this paragraph shall prevent any such  
4                   program or activity from being pro-  
5                   vided in a sex-specific manner. In  
6                   such circumstances, grantees may  
7                   meet the requirements of this para-  
8                   graph by providing comparable serv-  
9                   ices to individuals who cannot be pro-  
10                  vided with the sex-segregated or sex-  
11                  specific programming.”;

12                  (iii) in subparagraph (C)—

13                         (I) by striking “Indian tribe”  
14                         and inserting “Indian Tribe”; and

15                         (II) by striking “tribally” and in-  
16                         serting “Tribally”; and

17                         (iv) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
18                         “Indian tribe” and inserting “Indian  
19                         Tribe”;

20                  (B) by striking paragraph (4);

21                  (C) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and  
22                  (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

23                  (D) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

24                         (i) in subparagraph (A), by adding at  
25                         the end the following: “The nondisclosure

1 of confidential or private information re-  
2 quirements under section 40002(b)(2) of  
3 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994  
4 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)) shall apply to  
5 grantees and subgrantees under this title  
6 in the same manner such requirements  
7 apply to grantees and subgrantees under  
8 such Act.”;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (G)(i), by strik-  
10 ing “tribal” and inserting “Tribal”;

11 (iii) by striking subparagraphs (B),  
12 (C), (D), and (F); and

13 (iv) by redesignating subparagraphs  
14 (E), (G), and (H) as subparagraphs (B),  
15 (C), and (D), respectively; and

16 (E) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated—

17 (i) by striking “Indian tribe” and in-  
18 sserting “Indian Tribe”; and

19 (ii) by striking “tribal” and inserting  
20 “Tribal”; and

21 (3) in subsection (d) by inserting “and informa-  
22 tion on the development and implementation of bar-  
23 rier removal plans to ensure compliance with the  
24 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section

1       504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.  
2       794)” after “activities,”.

3 **SEC. 8. STATE APPLICATION.**

4       Section 307 (42 U.S.C. 10407) is amended—

5             (1) in subsection (a)—

6                 (A) in paragraph (1)—

7                     (i) by striking “tribally” and inserting  
8                     “Tribally”; and

9                     (ii) by adding “For purposes of sec-  
10                     tion 2007(c)(3) of the Omnibus Crime  
11                     Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, a  
12                     State’s application under this paragraph  
13                     shall be deemed to be a ‘State plan.’” at  
14                     the end; and

15                 (B) in paragraph (2)—

16                     (i) in subparagraph (B)—

17                         (I) in the matter preceding clause

18                         (i), by striking “assurances” and in-  
19                         serting “certifications”; and

20                         (II) in clause (iii)—

21                             (aa) in subclause (I)—

22                                 (AA) by striking “oper-  
23                                 ation of shelters” and insert-  
24                                 ing “provision of shelter”;  
25                                 and



1 (BB) by striking “de-  
2 pendants” and inserting  
3 “children and dependents”;  
4 and  
5 (bb) in subclause (II), by  
6 striking “dependents” and insert-  
7 ing “children and dependents”;  
8 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
9 “an assurance” and inserting “a certifi-  
10 cation”;  
11 (iii) in subparagraph (D)—  
12 (I) by striking “an assurance”  
13 and inserting “a certification”;  
14 (II) by striking “planning and  
15 monitoring” and inserting “planning,  
16 coordination, and monitoring”; and  
17 (III) by striking “and the admin-  
18 istration of the grant programs and  
19 projects” and inserting “, the admin-  
20 istration of the grant programs and  
21 projects, and the establishment of  
22 service standards and best practices  
23 for grantees”;  
24 (iv) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
25 “to underserved populations” and all that

1 follows through the semicolon and insert-  
2 ing “for individuals from racial and ethnic  
3 minority groups, Tribal populations, and  
4 other underserved populations, in the State  
5 planning process, and how the State plan  
6 addresses the unmet needs of such popu-  
7 lations, including a certification and de-  
8 scription of how the State or Indian Tribe  
9 will disseminate information about the na-  
10 tional resource centers authorized under  
11 section 310;”;

12 (v) in subparagraphs (E), (F), and  
13 (G), by striking “Indian tribe” each place  
14 such term appears and inserting “Indian  
15 Tribe”;

16 (vi) in subparagraph (G), by striking  
17 “tribally” and inserting “Tribally”;

18 (vii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
19 (H) and (I) as subparagraphs (I) and (J),  
20 respectively;

21 (viii) by inserting after subparagraph  
22 (G) the following:

23 “(H) describe how activities and services  
24 provided by the State or Indian Tribe are de-  
25 signed to promote trauma-informed care, auton-

1 omy, and privacy for victims of domestic vio-  
2 lence, dating violence, and family violence, and  
3 their children and dependents, including in the  
4 design and delivery of shelter services;”;

5 (ix) in subparagraph (I), as so redes-  
6 ignated—

7 (I) by striking “tribe” and insert-  
8 ing “Tribe”;

9 (II) by striking “an assurance”  
10 and inserting “a certification”;

11 (III) by inserting “, remove, or  
12 exclude” after “bar”; and

13 (IV) by striking “and” at the  
14 end;

15 (x) in subparagraph (J), as so redes-  
16 ignated, by striking the period at the end  
17 and inserting “; and”; and

18 (xi) by adding at the end the fol-  
19 lowing:

20 “(K) provide a certification that all funded  
21 entities demonstrate the ability to provide serv-  
22 ices for Deaf individuals and individuals with  
23 disabilities in compliance with the Americans  
24 with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section 504 of

1 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.  
2 794).”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “tribe”  
5 each place such term appears and inserting  
6 “Tribe”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “Indian  
8 tribes” each place such term appears and in-  
9 serting “Indian Tribes”.

10 **SEC. 9. SUBGRANTS AND USES OF FUNDS.**

11 Section 308 (42 U.S.C. 10408) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) by striking “that is designed” and in-  
14 serting “that are designed”; and

15 (B) by striking “dependents” and inserting  
16 “children and dependents”;

17 (2) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
20 graph (A)—

21 (I) by striking “shelter, sup-  
22 portive services, or prevention serv-  
23 ices” and inserting “shelter or sup-  
24 portive services”;

1 (II) by inserting “or prevention  
2 services” after “dependents,”; and

3 (III) by striking “include—” and  
4 inserting “include making material  
5 improvements in the accessibility of  
6 physical structures, transportation,  
7 communication, or digital services, as  
8 well as—”;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
10 “developing safety plans” and inserting  
11 “safety planning”;

12 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting  
13 “for racial and ethnic minority groups” be-  
14 fore the semicolon;

15 (iv) by redesignating subparagraphs  
16 (F) through (H) as subparagraphs (G)  
17 through (I), respectively;

18 (v) by inserting after subparagraph  
19 (E) the following:

20 “(F) provision of shelter and services to  
21 underserved populations;”;

22 (vi) in subparagraph (H), as so redesi-  
23 gnated—

1 (I) in clause (i), by striking  
2 “Federal and State” and inserting  
3 “Federal, State, and local”;

4 (II) in clause (iii), by striking  
5 “mental health, alcohol, and drug  
6 abuse treatment), but which shall not  
7 include reimbursement for any health  
8 care services” and inserting “mental  
9 health and substance use disorder  
10 treatment)”;

11 (III) in clause (v), by striking “;  
12 and” and inserting a semicolon;

13 (IV) by redesignating clause (vi)  
14 as clause (vii);

15 (V) by inserting after clause (v)  
16 the following:

17 “(vi) language assistance, including  
18 translation of written materials and tele-  
19 phonic and in-person interpreter services,  
20 for victims with limited English pro-  
21 ficiency, victims who are Deaf or hard of  
22 hearing, victims with sensory disabilities  
23 (including individuals who are blind or low  
24 vision), victims with speech-related disabil-

1 ities, and victims with other disabilities;  
2 and”; and

3 (VI) in clause (vii), as so redesign-  
4 nated, by striking “and” at the end;

5 (vii) in subparagraph (I), as so redesi-  
6 gnated, by striking the period at the end  
7 and inserting “; and”; and

8 (viii) by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(J) partnerships that enhance the design  
11 and delivery of services to victims and their  
12 children and dependents.”;

13 (B) in paragraph (2)—

14 (i) by striking “supportive services  
15 and prevention services” and inserting  
16 “supportive services or prevention serv-  
17 ices”; and

18 (ii) by striking “through (H)” and in-  
19 serting “through (I)”;

20 (C) by striking “dependents” each place  
21 such term appears (other than in paragraph  
22 (1)(J)) and inserting “children and depend-  
23 ents”; and

24 (D) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(3) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USE OF  
2 FUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BAR-  
3 RIERS TO ACCESSIBILITY.—It is the sense of the  
4 Congress that—

5           “(A) Deaf individuals and individuals with  
6 disabilities experience domestic violence, dating  
7 violence, and family violence at disproportionate  
8 rates;

9           “(B) domestic violence shelters are often  
10 not equipped to provide effective services to  
11 Deaf individuals and individuals with disabil-  
12 ities, which can act as an impediment to victims  
13 seeking and receiving services; and

14           “(C) the Secretary should allow subgrant  
15 funds received under this section to be used for  
16 making material improvements in the accessi-  
17 bility of physical structures, transportation,  
18 communication, or digital services.”;

19           (3) in subsection (c)—

20           (A) in paragraph (1)—

21           (i) by striking “a local public agency,  
22 or”;

23           (ii) by striking “tribal organizations,  
24 and voluntary associations),” and inserting



1 “Tribal organizations and voluntary asso-  
2 ciations) or a local public agency”; and

3 (iii) by striking “dependents” and in-  
4 serting “children and dependents”; and

5 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as  
6 follows:

7 “(2) an organization whose primary purpose is  
8 to provide culturally appropriate services to racial  
9 and ethnic minority groups, Tribal communities, or  
10 other underserved populations, that does not have a  
11 documented history of effective work concerning do-  
12 mestic violence, dating violence, or family violence,  
13 but that is in partnership with an organization de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (1).”; and

15 (4) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
16 lows:

17 “(d) VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED SERVICES.—Partici-  
18 pation in services under this title shall be voluntary. Re-  
19 ceipt of the benefits of shelter described in subsection  
20 (b)(1)(A) shall not be conditioned upon the participation  
21 of the adult or youth, or their children or dependents, in  
22 any or all of the services offered under this title.”.

23 **SEC. 10. GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.**

24 Section 309 (42 U.S.C. 10409) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “42 U.S.C. 14045d” and  
2 inserting “34 U.S.C. 20126”;

3 (B) by striking “tribal” and inserting  
4 “Tribal”;

5 (C) by striking “Indian tribes” and insert-  
6 ing “Indian Tribes”; and

7 (D) by striking “section 303(a)(2)(B)”  
8 and inserting “section 303 and made avail-  
9 able”; and  
10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) by striking “Indian tribe” each place  
12 such term appears and inserting “Indian  
13 Tribe”; and

14 (B) by striking “tribal organization” each  
15 place such term appears and inserting “Tribal  
16 organization”.

17 **SEC. 11. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AND TRAINING**  
18 **AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.**

19 Section 310 (42 U.S.C. 10410) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

21 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
22 (A), by striking “under this title and reserved  
23 under section 303(a)(2)(C)” and inserting  
24 “under section 303 and made available to carry  
25 out this section”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (i) in clause (i), by striking “; and”

3 and inserting a semicolon;

4 (ii) in clause (ii)—

5 (I) by striking “7” and inserting

6 “11”; and

7 (II) by inserting “dating violence,

8 and family violence,” after “domestic

9 violence,”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-

11 lowing:

12 “(iii) an Alaska Native Tribal re-

13 source center on domestic violence, dating

14 violence, and family violence, to reduce dis-

15 parities in the rate of such violence within

16 the Alaska Native population;

17 “(iv) a Native Hawaiian resource cen-

18 ter on domestic violence, to reduce Native

19 Hawaiian disparities; and”;

20 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),

22 by striking “grants, to” and inserting

23 “grants to entities that focus on other crit-

24 ical issues, such as”;

25 (ii) in clause (i)—

1 (I) by inserting “, dating vio-  
2 lence, and family violence,” after “do-  
3 mestic violence”;

4 (II) by striking “(including Alas-  
5 ka Native)”; and

6 (III) by striking “and” at the  
7 end; and

8 (iii) by amending clause (ii) to read as  
9 follows:

10 “(ii) entities demonstrating expertise  
11 related to—

12 “(I) addressing the housing  
13 needs of domestic violence, dating vio-  
14 lence, and family violence victims and  
15 their children and dependents;

16 “(II) developing leadership and  
17 advocacy skills among individuals  
18 from underserved populations; or

19 “(III) addressing other emerging  
20 issues related to domestic violence,  
21 dating violence, or family violence.”;

22 (2) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

25 (I) in clause (i)—

1 (aa) by inserting “, dating  
2 violence, and family violence”  
3 after “domestic violence” each  
4 place such term appears; and

5 (bb) by inserting “and de-  
6 pendants” after “children”; and

7 (II) in clause (ii)—

8 (aa) in the matter preceding  
9 subclause (I), by inserting “on-  
10 line” after “central”;

11 (bb) in subclause (I), by  
12 striking “family violence and do-  
13 mestic violence” and inserting  
14 “domestic violence, dating vio-  
15 lence, and family violence”; and

16 (cc) in subclause (II), by in-  
17 serting “, dating violence, and  
18 family violence” after “domestic  
19 violence”; and

20 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (I) in clause (i)—

22 (aa) by striking “tribes and  
23 tribal organizations” and insert-  
24 ing “Tribes and Tribal organiza-  
25 tions”;

1 (bb) by striking “the tribes”  
2 and inserting “the Tribes”;

3 (cc) by inserting “, dating  
4 violence, and family violence”  
5 after “domestic violence”; and

6 (dd) by striking “42” and  
7 all the follows through “3796gg–  
8 10 note” and inserting “34  
9 U.S.C. 10452 note”;

10 (II) in clause (ii)—

11 (aa) by striking “tribes and  
12 tribal organizations” and insert-  
13 ing “Tribes and Tribal organiza-  
14 tions”;

15 (bb) by inserting “, dating  
16 violence, and family violence”  
17 after “domestic violence”; and

18 (cc) by striking “42” and all  
19 that follows through “3796gg–10  
20 note” and inserting “34 U.S.C.  
21 10452 note”; and

22 (III) in clause (iii)—

23 (aa) by inserting “dating vi-  
24 olence, and family violence,”  
25 after “domestic violence,”; and

1 (bb) by inserting “the Office  
2 for Victims of Crime and” after  
3 “Human Services, and”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
6 graph (A)—

7 (I) by striking “State and local  
8 domestic violence service providers”  
9 and inserting “support effective pol-  
10 icy, practice, research, and cross sys-  
11 tems collaboration”; and

12 (II) by inserting “, dating vio-  
13 lence, and family violence” after “en-  
14 hancing domestic violence”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

16 (I) by inserting “, dating vio-  
17 lence, and family violence” after “to  
18 domestic violence”; and

19 (II) by striking “which may in-  
20 clude the response to the use of the  
21 self-defense plea by domestic violence  
22 victims and the issuance and use of  
23 protective orders” and inserting “in-  
24 cluding the issuance and use of pro-  
25 tective orders, batterers’ intervention

1 programming, and responses to  
2 charged, incarcerated, and re-entering  
3 domestic violence, dating violence, and  
4 family violence victims”;

5 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

6 (I) by inserting “, dating vio-  
7 lence, and family violence” after “do-  
8 mestic violence” each place such term  
9 appears; and

10 (II) by striking “dependents”  
11 and inserting “children”;

12 (iv) in subparagraph (C)—

13 (I) by inserting “, dating vio-  
14 lence, and family violence” after “do-  
15 mestic violence” the first place such  
16 term appears; and

17 (II) by inserting “, and the re-  
18 sponse of domestic violence, dating vi-  
19 olence, and family violence programs  
20 and other community organizations  
21 with respect to health advocacy and  
22 addressing the health of victims” be-  
23 fore the period;

24 (v) by amending subparagraph (D) to  
25 read as follows:



1           “(D) The response of mental health, sub-  
2           stance use disorder treatment and recovery, do-  
3           mestic violence, dating violence, and family vio-  
4           lence and related systems and programs to vic-  
5           tims of domestic violence, dating violence, and  
6           family violence and their children and depend-  
7           ents who experience psychological trauma, men-  
8           tal health needs, or substance-use-related  
9           needs.”;

10                   (vi) in subparagraph (E); by inserting  
11                   “, dating violence, and family violence”  
12                   after “domestic violence” each place such  
13                   term appears; and

14                   (vii) by adding at the end the fol-  
15                   lowing:

16           “(F) The response of the domestic vio-  
17           lence, dating violence, and family violence pro-  
18           grams and related systems to victims who are  
19           underserved due to sexual orientation or gender  
20           identity, including expanding the capacity of  
21           lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organi-  
22           zations to respond to and prevent domestic vio-  
23           lence.

24           “(G) Strengthening the organizational ca-  
25           pacity of State, territorial, and Tribal domestic

1 violence, dating violence, and family violence  
2 coalitions and of State, territorial, and Tribal  
3 administrators who distribute funds under this  
4 title to community-based domestic violence, dat-  
5 ing violence, and family violence programs, with  
6 the aim of better enabling such coalitions and  
7 administrators—

8 “(i) to collaborate and respond effec-  
9 tively to domestic violence, dating violence,  
10 and family violence;

11 “(ii) to meet the conditions and carry  
12 out the provisions of this title; and

13 “(iii) to implement best practices to  
14 meet the emerging needs of victims of do-  
15 mestic violence, dating violence, and family  
16 violence and their families, children, and  
17 dependents.

18 “(H) The response of domestic violence,  
19 dating violence, and family violence service pro-  
20 viders to victims who are Deaf and victims with  
21 disabilities, including expanding the capacity of  
22 community-based organizations serving individ-  
23 uals who are Deaf and individuals with disabil-  
24 ities to respond to, and prevent, domestic vio-  
25 lence, dating violence, and family violence.”;

1 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
2 paragraph (4);

3 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
4 following:

5 “(3) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CEN-  
6 TER.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Sec-  
7 retary shall award a grant to an eligible entity for  
8 an Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic  
9 violence to reduce Tribal disparities, which shall—

10 “(A) offer a comprehensive array of tech-  
11 nical assistance and training resources to In-  
12 dian Tribes and Tribal organizations, specifi-  
13 cally designed to enhance the capacity of the  
14 Tribes and organizations to respond to domestic  
15 violence, dating violence, and family violence  
16 and the findings of section 901 and purposes in  
17 section 902 of the Violence Against Women and  
18 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of  
19 2005 (34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

20 “(B) coordinate all projects and activities  
21 with the national resource center described in  
22 paragraph (1)(B), including projects and activi-  
23 ties that involve working with non-Tribal State  
24 and local governments to enhance their capacity

1 to understand the unique needs of Alaska Na-  
2 tives;

3 “(C) work with non-Tribal State and local  
4 governments and domestic violence, dating vio-  
5 lence, and family violence service providers to  
6 enhance their capacity to understand the  
7 unique needs of Alaska Natives;

8 “(D) provide comprehensive community  
9 education and domestic violence, dating vio-  
10 lence, and family violence prevention initiatives  
11 in a culturally sensitive and relevant manner;  
12 and

13 “(E) coordinate activities with other Fed-  
14 eral agencies, offices, and grantees that address  
15 the needs of Alaska Natives that experience do-  
16 mestic violence, dating violence, and family vio-  
17 lence, including the Office of Justice Services of  
18 the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health  
19 Service, and the Office for Victims of Crime  
20 and the Office on Violence Against Women of  
21 the Department of Justice.”;

22 (E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

23 (i) in subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i),  
24 by striking “Indian tribes, tribal organiza-  
25 tions” each place such term appears and

1 inserting “Indian Tribes, Tribal organiza-  
2 tions”;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (A) by inserting  
4 “, dating violence, and family violence”  
5 after “domestic violence”;

6 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

7 (I) in clause (i), by striking “the  
8 tribes” and inserting “the Tribes”;

9 (II) in clause (ii), by striking  
10 “nontribal” and inserting “non-Trib-  
11 al”; and

12 (III) in clause (iii), by inserting  
13 “, dating violence, and family vio-  
14 lence” after “domestic violence”; and

15 (iv) by striking “(including Alaska  
16 Natives)” each place such term appears;  
17 and

18 (F) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(5) NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCE CENTER.—

20 In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Secretary  
21 shall award a grant to an eligible entity for an Na-  
22 tive Hawaiian resource center on domestic violence  
23 to reduce Native Hawaiian disparities, which shall—

24 “(A) offer a comprehensive array of tech-  
25 nical assistance and training resources to Na-

1           tive Hawaiian organizations, specifically de-  
2           signed to enhance the capacity of the Native  
3           Hawaiian organizations to respond to family vi-  
4           olence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

5           “(B) coordinate all projects and other ac-  
6           tivities with the national resource center de-  
7           scribed in paragraph (1)(B);

8           “(C) coordinate all projects and other ac-  
9           tivities, with State and local governments, that  
10          involve working with the State and local govern-  
11          ments, to enhance their capacity to understand  
12          the unique needs of Native Hawaiians;

13          “(D) provide comprehensive community  
14          education and prevention initiatives relating to  
15          family violence, domestic violence, and dating  
16          violence in a culturally sensitive and relevant  
17          manner; and

18          “(E) coordinate activities with other Fed-  
19          eral agencies, offices, and grantees that address  
20          the needs of Native Hawaiians who experience  
21          family violence, domestic violence, and dating  
22          violence, including the Office for Victims of  
23          Crime and the Office on Violence Against  
24          Women of the Department of Justice.”; and

25          (3) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
3 graph (A)—

4 (I) by inserting “, dating vio-  
5 lence, and family violence” after “do-  
6 mestic violence”; and

7 (II) by striking “or (D)” and in-  
8 serting “(D), (F), or (G)”;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
10 “dating violence, and family violence,”  
11 after “domestic violence,”; and

12 (iii) by amending subparagraph (B) to  
13 read as follows:

14 “(B) includes individuals with dem-  
15 onstrated experience working in domestic vio-  
16 lence, dating violence, and family violence pro-  
17 grams, and, with respect to grantees described  
18 in subsection (b)(2)(F), individuals with dem-  
19 onstrated expertise in serving the targeted com-  
20 munities on the board of directors (or advisory  
21 committee) and on the staff; and”;

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) by inserting “, dating violence, and  
24 family violence” after “domestic violence”  
25 each place such term appears;

1 (ii) by striking “tribal organization”  
2 each place such term appears and inserting  
3 “Tribal organization”;

4 (iii) by striking “Indian tribes” each  
5 place such term appears and inserting “In-  
6 dian Tribes”;

7 (iv) by striking “42” and all that fol-  
8 lows through “3796gg-10 note” each place  
9 such term appears and inserting “34  
10 U.S.C. 10452 note”; and

11 (v) by striking “tribally” and insert-  
12 ing “Tribally”;

13 (C) in paragraph (3)—

14 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (I) by inserting “, dating vio-  
16 lence, and family violence” after “do-  
17 mestic violence” the first place such  
18 term appears; and

19 (II) by inserting “, dating vio-  
20 lence, or family violence” after “do-  
21 mestic violence” the second place such  
22 term appears; and

23 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—



1 (I) in clause (i), by inserting “,  
2 dating violence, and family violence”  
3 after “domestic violence”;

4 (II) in clause (ii), by striking “;  
5 and” and inserting a semicolon;

6 (III) in clause (iii), by striking  
7 the period and inserting “; and”; and

8 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(iv) has a board of directors (or advisory  
11 committee) and staff with demonstrated exper-  
12 tise in serving the targeted community.”;

13 (D) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
14 paragraph (5);

15 (E) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
16 following:

17 “(4) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CEN-  
18 TER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—To be eligible to re-  
19 ceive a grant under subsection (b)(3), an entity shall  
20 be a Tribal organization or a nonprofit private orga-  
21 nization that focuses primarily on issues of domestic  
22 violence, dating violence, and family violence within  
23 Tribes in Alaska that submits information to the  
24 Secretary demonstrating—

1           “(A) experience working with Alaska  
2 Tribes and Tribal organizations to respond to  
3 domestic violence, dating violence, and family  
4 violence and the findings of section 901 of the  
5 Violence Against Women and Department of  
6 Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public  
7 Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

8           “(B) experience providing Alaska Tribes  
9 and Tribal organizations with assistance in de-  
10 veloping Tribally based prevention and interven-  
11 tion services addressing domestic violence, dat-  
12 ing violence, and family violence and safety for  
13 Indian women consistent with the purposes of  
14 section 902 of the Violence Against Women and  
15 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of  
16 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452  
17 note);

18           “(C) strong support for the entity’s des-  
19 ignation as the Alaska Native Tribal resource  
20 center on domestic violence, dating violence,  
21 and family violence from advocates working  
22 with Alaska Tribes to address domestic vio-  
23 lence, dating violence, and family violence and  
24 the safety of Alaska Native women;

1           “(D) a record of demonstrated effective-  
2           ness in assisting Alaska Tribes and Tribal orga-  
3           nizations with prevention and intervention serv-  
4           ices addressing domestic violence, dating vio-  
5           lence, and family violence; and

6           “(E) the capacity to serve Tribes across  
7           the State of Alaska.”;

8           (F) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated—

9                   (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
10                  graph (A), by striking “(b)(3),” and in-  
11                  serting “(b)(4),”; and

12                  (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

13                          (I) in clause (i), by striking “(in-  
14                          cluding Alaska Natives)”; and

15                          (II) in clause (ii)—

16                                  (aa) by striking “Indian  
17                                  tribe, tribal organization” and in-  
18                                  serting “Indian Tribe, Tribal or-  
19                                  ganization”; and

20                                  (bb) by inserting “, dating  
21                                  violence, and family violence”  
22                                  after “domestic violence”; and

23           (G) by adding at the end the following:

24                   “(6) NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCE CENTER.—

25           To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection

1 (b)(3), an entity shall be a Native Hawaiian organi-  
2 zation, or a nonprofit private organization that fo-  
3 cuses primarily on issues of family violence, domestic  
4 violence, and dating violence within the Native Ha-  
5 waiian community, that submits information to the  
6 Secretary demonstrating—

7 “(A) experience working with Native Ha-  
8 waiian organizations to respond to family vio-  
9 lence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

10 “(B) experience providing Native Hawaiian  
11 organizations with assistance in developing pre-  
12 vention and intervention services addressing  
13 family violence, domestic violence, and dating  
14 violence and safety for Native Hawaiian women;

15 “(C) strong support for the entity’s des-  
16 ignation as the Native Hawaiian resource cen-  
17 ter on domestic violence from advocates working  
18 with Native Hawaiian organizations to address  
19 family violence, domestic violence, and dating  
20 violence and the safety of Native Hawaiian  
21 women;

22 “(D) a record of demonstrated effective-  
23 ness in assisting Native Hawaiian organizations  
24 with prevention and intervention services ad-

1           dressing family violence, domestic violence, and  
2           dating violence; and

3           “(E) the capacity to serve geographically  
4           diverse Native Hawaiian communities and orga-  
5           nizations.”.

6 **SEC. 12. GRANTS TO STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALI-**  
7           **TIONS.**

8           Section 311 (42 U.S.C. 10411) is amended—

9           (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “section  
10          303(a)(2)(D)” and inserting “section 303 and made  
11          available to carry out this section”;

12          (2) in subsection (d)—

13                 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
14                 by striking “shall include”;

15                 (B) in paragraph (1)—

16                         (i) by inserting “, and evidence-in-  
17                         formed prevention of,” after “comprehen-  
18                         sive responses to”; and

19                         (ii) by striking “working with local”  
20                         and inserting “shall include—

21                                 “(A) working with local”;

22                 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
23                 (3) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively,  
24                 and adjusting the margins accordingly;

1 (D) in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1),  
2 as so redesignated—

3 (i) by striking “dependents” and in-  
4 serting “children and dependents”; and

5 (ii) by adding “and” after the semi-  
6 colon; and

7 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (C) of  
8 paragraph (1), as so redesignated, the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(D) collaborating with Indian Tribes and  
11 Tribal organizations (and corresponding Native  
12 Hawaiian groups or communities) to address  
13 the needs of Indian (including Alaska Native)  
14 and Native Hawaiian victims of domestic vio-  
15 lence, dating violence, or family violence, as ap-  
16 plicable in the State; and”;

17 (F) in paragraph (4), by striking “collabo-  
18 rating with and providing” and inserting “may  
19 include—

20 “(A) collaborating with and providing”;

21 (G) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
22 paragraph (2);

23 (H) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,  
24 by striking “health care, mental health” and in-

1           serting “health care (including mental health  
2           and substance use disorder treatment)”;

3           (I) in paragraph (6), by redesignating sub-  
4           paragraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii),  
5           respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-  
6           ingly;

7           (J) by redesignating paragraphs (5)  
8           through (7) as subparagraphs (B) through (D),  
9           respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-  
10          ingly;

11          (K) in clause (ii) of subparagraph (C) of  
12          paragraph (2), as so redesignated, by striking  
13          “child abuse is present;” and inserting “there is  
14          a co-occurrence of child abuse; and”;

15          (L) by striking paragraph (8); and

16          (M) in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2),  
17          as so redesignated, by striking “; and” and in-  
18          serting a period;

19          (3) by striking subsection (e);

20          (4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (h)  
21          as subsections (e) through (g), respectively; and

22          (5) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by  
23          striking “Indian tribes and tribal organizations” and  
24          inserting “Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations”.

1 **SEC. 13. GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALI-**  
2 **TIONS.**

3 The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-  
5 tion 311 the following:

6 **“SEC. 311A. GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COA-**  
7 **LITIONS.**

8 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Beginning with fiscal  
9 year 2024, out of amounts appropriated under section 303  
10 and made available to carry out this section for a fiscal  
11 year, the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities  
12 in accordance with this section.

13 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive  
14 a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal do-  
15 mestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coali-  
16 tion that is recognized by the Office on Violence Against  
17 Women of the Department of Justice that provides serv-  
18 ices to Indian Tribes.

19 “(c) APPLICATION.—Each Tribal domestic violence,  
20 dating violence, or family violence coalition desiring a  
21 grant under this section shall submit an application to the  
22 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing  
23 such information as the Secretary may require. The appli-  
24 cation submitted by the coalition for the grant shall pro-  
25 vide documentation of the coalition’s work, demonstrating  
26 that the coalition—



1           “(1) meets all the applicable requirements set  
2           forth in this section; and

3           “(2) has the ability to conduct all activities de-  
4           scribed in this section, as indicated by—

5                   “(A) a documented experience in admin-  
6                   istering Federal grants to conduct the activities  
7                   described in subsection (d); or

8                   “(B) a documented history of activities to  
9                   further the purposes of this section set forth in  
10                  subsection (d).

11          “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A Tribal domestic violence,  
12          dating violence, or family violence coalition eligible under  
13          subsection (b) that receives a grant under this section may  
14          use the grant funds for administration and operation to  
15          further the purposes of domestic violence, dating violence,  
16          and family violence intervention and prevention activities,  
17          including—

18                   “(1) working with local Tribal domestic vio-  
19                   lence, dating violence, or family violence service pro-  
20                   grams and providers of direct services to encourage  
21                   appropriate and comprehensive responses to domes-  
22                   tic violence, dating violence, and family violence  
23                   against adults or youth within the Indian Tribes  
24                   served, including providing training and technical as-  
25                   sistance and conducting Tribal needs assessments;

1           “(2) participating in planning and monitoring  
2           the distribution of subgrants and subgrant funds  
3           within the State under section 308(a);

4           “(3) working in collaboration with Tribal serv-  
5           ice providers and community-based organizations to  
6           address the needs of victims of domestic violence,  
7           dating violence, and family violence, and their chil-  
8           dren and dependents;

9           “(4) collaborating with, and providing informa-  
10          tion to, entities in such fields as housing, health care  
11          (including mental health and substance use disorder  
12          treatment), social welfare, education, and law en-  
13          forcement to support the development and imple-  
14          mentation of effective policies;

15          “(5) supporting the development and implemen-  
16          tation of effective policies, protocols, and programs  
17          that address the safety and support needs of adult  
18          and youth Tribal victims of domestic violence, dating  
19          violence, or family violence;

20          “(6) encouraging appropriate responses to cases  
21          of domestic violence, dating violence, or family vio-  
22          lence against adults or youth, by working with Trib-  
23          al, State, and Federal judicial agencies and law en-  
24          forcement agencies;

1           “(7) working with Tribal, State, and Federal  
2           judicial agencies, including family law judges, crimi-  
3           nal court judges, child protective service agencies,  
4           and children’s advocates to develop appropriate re-  
5           sponses to child custody and visitation issues—

6                   “(A) in cases of child exposure to domestic  
7           violence, dating violence, or family violence; or

8                   “(B) in cases in which—

9                           “(i) domestic violence, dating violence,  
10                           or family violence is present; and

11                           “(ii) child abuse is present;

12           “(8) providing information to the public about  
13           prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and  
14           family violence within Indian Tribes;

15           “(9) assisting Indian Tribes’ participation in,  
16           and attendance of, Federal and State consultations  
17           on domestic violence, dating violence, or family vio-  
18           lence, including consultations mandated by the Vio-  
19           lence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public  
20           Law 103–322), the Victims of Crime Act of 1984  
21           (34 U.S.C. 20101 et seq.), or this title; and

22           “(10) providing shelter or supportive services to  
23           Tribal adult and youth victims of domestic violence,  
24           dating violence, and family violence, and their chil-  
25           dren and dependents.

1       “(e) REALLOCATION.—If, at the end of the sixth  
2 month of any fiscal year for which sums are appropriated  
3 under section 303 and made available to carry out this  
4 section, a portion of the available amount has not been  
5 awarded to Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or  
6 family violence coalitions for grants under this section be-  
7 cause of the failure of such coalitions to meet the require-  
8 ments for such grants, then the Secretary shall award  
9 such portion, in equal shares, to Tribal domestic violence,  
10 dating violence, or family violence coalitions that meet  
11 such requirements.”.

12 **SEC. 14. SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR CAREGIVERS AND**  
13 **THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED**  
14 **TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**  
15 **AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.**

16 Section 312 (42 U.S.C. 10412) is amended—

17       (1) in the section heading, by striking  
18 **“ABUSED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN”** and  
19 inserting **“PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND CHIL-**  
20 **DREN AND YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED**  
21 **TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**  
22 **AND FAMILY VIOLENCE”**;

23       (2) in subsection (a)—

24               (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by striking “family violence, do-  
2 mestic violence, and dating violence service  
3 programs and community-based programs  
4 to prevent future domestic violence by ad-  
5 dressing, in an appropriate manner, the  
6 needs of children” and inserting “domestic  
7 violence, dating violence, family violence,  
8 and culturally specific community-based  
9 programs to serve children and youth”;  
10 and

11 (ii) by inserting “, and to support the  
12 caregiving capacity of adult victims or  
13 other caregivers” before the period; and

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “more  
15 than 2” the first place it appears and inserting  
16 “less than 3”;

17 (3) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) by inserting “or State domestic vio-  
19 lence, dating violence, and family violence serv-  
20 ices” after “local”;

21 (B) by inserting “a culturally specific orga-  
22 nization,” after “associations,”;

23 (C) by striking “tribal organization” and  
24 inserting “Tribal organization”;

1 (D) by inserting “adult and child” after  
2 “serving”; and

3 (E) by striking “and their children”; and  
4 (4) in subsection (c)—

5 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
6 follows:

7 “(1) a description of how the entity will  
8 prioritize the safety of, and confidentiality of infor-  
9 mation about adult and child victims of domestic vi-  
10 olence, dating violence, or family violence;”;

11 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “develop-  
12 mentally appropriate and age-appropriate serv-  
13 ices, and culturally and linguistically appro-  
14 priate services, to the victims and children;  
15 and” and inserting “trauma-informed and age,  
16 gender, developmentally, culturally, and linguis-  
17 tically appropriate services to children and  
18 youth, and their caregivers;”;

19 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “appro-  
20 priate and relevant to the unique needs of chil-  
21 dren exposed to family violence, domestic vio-  
22 lence, or dating violence.” and inserting “rel-  
23 evant to the unique needs of children and youth  
24 exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, or  
25 family violence, including children and youth

1 with disabilities and children from underserved  
2 populations, and address the parent’s or care-  
3 giver’s ongoing caregiving capacity; and”;

4 (D) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) a description of prevention activities tar-  
6 geting child and youth victims of family violence, do-  
7 mestic violence, or dating violence.”;

8 (5) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
10 by striking “community-based program de-  
11 scribed in subsection (a)” and inserting “cul-  
12 turally specific, community-based program”;

13 (B) in paragraph (1)(A)—

14 (i) by striking “victims of family vio-  
15 lence, domestic violence, or dating violence  
16 and their children” and inserting “child  
17 and adult victims of family violence, do-  
18 mestic violence, or dating violence, includ-  
19 ing children and youth with disabilities and  
20 children and youth from underserved popu-  
21 lations”; and

22 (ii) by inserting “or the health sys-  
23 tem” before the semicolon; and

24 (C) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
2 “mental” and inserting “behavioral”;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
4 “community-based organizations serving  
5 victims of family violence, domestic vio-  
6 lence, or dating violence or children ex-  
7 posed to family violence, domestic violence,  
8 or dating violence” and inserting “health,  
9 education, or other community-based orga-  
10 nizations serving adult and child victims of  
11 family violence, domestic violence, or dat-  
12 ing violence”; and

13 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
14 “health,” after “transportation,”; and

15 (6) in subsection (e)—

16 (A) by inserting “shall participate in an  
17 evaluation and” after “under this section”; and

18 (B) by striking “contain an evaluation of”  
19 and inserting “information on”.

20 **SEC. 15. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.**

21 Section 313 (42 U.S.C. 10413) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) by striking “telephone” and inserting  
24 “telephonic and digital services”;



1 (B) by striking “a hotline that provides”  
2 and inserting “a hotline and digital services  
3 that provide”; and

4 (C) by inserting before the period at the  
5 end of the second sentence the following: “, and  
6 who provide information about healthy relation-  
7 ships for adults and youth”;

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
11 graph (A), by inserting “and digital serv-  
12 ices” after “hotline”;

13 (ii) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by  
14 striking “hotline personnel” each place  
15 such term appears and inserting “advocacy  
16 personnel”;

17 (iii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
18 “are able to effectively operate any techno-  
19 logical systems used by the hotline” and  
20 inserting “or digital services are able to ef-  
21 fectively operate any technological systems  
22 used by the hotline or provide any digital  
23 services, as applicable”;

24 (iv) in subparagraphs (D), (E), and  
25 (F), by inserting “and digital services”

1 after “hotline” each place such term ap-  
2 pears;

3 (v) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
4 “persons with hearing impairments” and  
5 inserting “individuals who are Deaf or  
6 hard of hearing, those with speech-related  
7 disabilities, those with sensory disabilities  
8 (including those who are blind or low vi-  
9 sion), and individuals with other disabil-  
10 ities, including training for hotline per-  
11 sonnel to support such access”; and

12 (vi) in subparagraph (G), by striking  
13 “teen dating violence hotline” and insert-  
14 ing “youth dating violence hotline and  
15 other digital services and resources”;

16 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “, dig-  
17 ital services,” after “hotline”;

18 (C) by amending paragraph (5) to read as  
19 follows:

20 “(5) demonstrate the ability to—

21 “(A) provide information and referrals for  
22 individuals contacting the hotline via telephonic  
23 or digital services;

1           “(B) directly connect callers or assist dig-  
2           ital services users in connecting to service pro-  
3           viders; and

4           “(C) employ crisis interventions meeting  
5           the standards of family violence, domestic vio-  
6           lence, and dating violence providers;”;

7           (D) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
8           through (8) as paragraphs (7) through (9), re-  
9           spectively; and

10          (E) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
11          following:

12          “(6) demonstrate the ability to provide informa-  
13          tion about healthy relationships for adults and  
14          youth;”;

15          (3) in subsection (e)—

16                (A) in the heading, by inserting “AND DIG-  
17                ITAL SERVICES” after “HOTLINE”;

18                (B) in paragraph (1)—

19                   (i) by striking “telephone hotline” and  
20                   inserting “telephonic hotline and digital  
21                   services”; and

22                   (ii) by striking “assistance to adult”  
23                   and inserting “for the benefit of adult”;  
24                   and

25                (C) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
2 “and an internet service provider for the  
3 use of operating digital services” before  
4 the semicolon;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
6 “, provide counseling and referral services  
7 for callers on a 24-hour-a-day basis, and  
8 directly connect callers” and inserting  
9 “and digital services contracts, provide  
10 counseling, healthy relationship informa-  
11 tion, and referral services for callers and  
12 digital services users, on a 24-hour-a-day  
13 basis, and directly connect callers and dig-  
14 ital services users”;

15 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
16 “or digital services users” after “callers”;

17 (iv) in subparagraph (D), by inserting  
18 “and digital services” after “hotline”;

19 (v) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
20 “underserved populations” and inserting  
21 “racial and ethnic minority groups, Tribal  
22 and underserved populations,”; and

23 (vi) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
24 “teen dating violence hotline” and insert-  
25 ing “hotline or digital services”; and

1 (4) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(g) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONI-  
3 TORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this  
4 section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Sec-  
5 retary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative  
6 costs under this section.”.

7 **SEC. 16. NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE**  
8 **GRANT.**

9 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to in-  
10 crease the availability of information and assistance to In-  
11 dian adult or youth victims of family violence, domestic  
12 violence, or dating violence, family and household mem-  
13 bers of such victim, and individuals affected by such vic-  
14 timization by supporting a national, toll-free telephonic  
15 and digital hotline to provide services that are—

16 (1) informed of Federal Indian law and Tribal  
17 laws impacting Indian victims of family violence, do-  
18 mestic violence, or dating violence;

19 (2) culturally appropriate to Indian adult and  
20 youth victims; and

21 (3) developed in cooperation with victim serv-  
22 ices offered by Indian Tribes and Tribal organiza-  
23 tions.

1 (b) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Family Violence Preven-  
2 tion and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amend-  
3 ed by inserting after section 313 the following:

4 **“SEC. 313A. NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOT-**  
5 **LINE GRANT.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award a  
7 grant to a Tribal organization or private, non-profit entity  
8 to maintain the ongoing operation of a 24-hour, national,  
9 toll-free telephonic and digital services hotline to provide  
10 information and assistance to Indian adult and youth vic-  
11 tims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating vio-  
12 lence, family and household members of such victims, and  
13 other individuals affected by such victimization.

14 “(b) TERM.—The Secretary shall award a grant  
15 under this section for a period of not more than 5 years.

16 “(c) CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT.—The provision of  
17 payments under a grant awarded under this section shall  
18 be subject to annual approval by the Secretary and subject  
19 to the availability of appropriations for each fiscal year  
20 to make the payments.

21 “(d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
22 under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal organization  
23 or a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily  
24 on issues of domestic violence as it relates to American

1 Indians and Alaska Natives, and submit an application to  
2 the Secretary that shall—

3 “(1) contain such agreements, assurances, and  
4 information, be in such form, and be submitted in  
5 such manner, as the Secretary shall prescribe;

6 “(2) include a complete description of the appli-  
7 cant’s plan for the operation of a national Indian do-  
8 mestic violence hotline and digital services, including  
9 descriptions of—

10 “(A) the training program for advocacy  
11 personnel relating to the provision of culturally  
12 appropriate and legally accurate services, infor-  
13 mation, resources and referrals for Indian vic-  
14 tims of domestic violence, dating violence, and  
15 family violence;

16 “(B) the training program for advocacy  
17 personnel, relating to technology requirements  
18 to ensure that all persons affiliated with the  
19 hotline and digital services are able to effec-  
20 tively operate any technological systems re-  
21 quired to provide the necessary services used by  
22 the hotline;

23 “(C) the qualifications of the applicant and  
24 the hiring criteria and qualifications for advo-  
25 cacy personnel, to ensure that hotline advocates

1 and other personnel have demonstrated knowl-  
2 edge of Indian legal, social, and cultural issues,  
3 to ensure that the unique needs of Indian call-  
4 ers and users of digital services are met;

5 “(D) the methods for the creation, mainte-  
6 nance, and updating of a resource database of  
7 culturally appropriate victim services and re-  
8 sources available from Indian Tribes and Tribal  
9 organizations;

10 “(E) a plan for publicizing the availability  
11 of the services from the national Indian hotline  
12 to Indian victims of domestic violence and dat-  
13 ing violence;

14 “(F) a plan for providing service to limited  
15 English proficiency callers, including service  
16 through hotline and digital services personnel  
17 who have limited English proficiency;

18 “(G) a plan for facilitating access to the  
19 hotline and digital services by individuals who  
20 are Deaf or hard of hearing, individuals with  
21 speech-related disabilities, individuals with sen-  
22 sory disabilities (including those who are blind  
23 or low vision), and other individuals with dis-  
24 abilities, including training for hotline personnel  
25 to support such access; and



1           “(H) a plan for providing assistance and  
2           referrals to Indian youth victims of domestic vi-  
3           olence, dating violence, and family violence, and  
4           for victims of dating violence who are minors,  
5           which may be carried out through a national  
6           Indian youth dating violence hotline, digital  
7           services, or other resources;

8           “(3) demonstrate recognized expertise providing  
9           services, including information on healthy relation-  
10          ships and referrals for Indian victims of family vio-  
11          lence, domestic violence, or dating violence and co-  
12          ordinating services with Indian Tribes or Tribal or-  
13          ganizations;

14          “(4) demonstrate support from Indian victim  
15          services programs, Tribal coalitions recognized by  
16          the Office on Violence Against Women and Tribal  
17          grantees under this title;

18          “(5) demonstrate capacity and the expertise to  
19          maintain a domestic violence, dating violence, and  
20          family violence hotline, digital services and a com-  
21          prehensive database of service providers from Indian  
22          Tribes or Tribal organizations;

23          “(6) demonstrate compliance with nondisclosure  
24          requirements as described in section 306(c)(5) and

1 following comprehensive quality assurance practices;  
2 and

3 “(7) contain such other information as the Sec-  
4 retary may require.

5 “(e) INDIAN HOTLINE ACTIVITIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a  
7 grant under this section shall use funds made avail-  
8 able through the grant for the purpose described in  
9 subsection (a), consistent with paragraph (2).

10 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—In establishing and oper-  
11 ating the hotline, the entity—

12 “(A) shall contract with a carrier for the  
13 use of a toll-free telephone line and an internet  
14 service provider for digital services;

15 “(B) shall employ, train (including pro-  
16 viding technology training), and supervise per-  
17 sonnel to answer incoming calls and digital  
18 services contacts, provide counseling, healthy  
19 relationship and referral services for Indian  
20 callers and digital services users, directly con-  
21 nect callers, and assist digital services users in  
22 connecting to service providers;

23 “(C) shall assemble and maintain a data-  
24 base of information relating to services for In-  
25 dian victims of family violence, domestic vio-

1            lence, or dating violence to which Indian callers  
2            or digital services users may be referred, includ-  
3            ing information on the availability of shelters  
4            and supportive services for victims of family vi-  
5            olence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

6                  “(D) shall widely publicize the hotline and  
7            digital services throughout Indian Tribes and  
8            communities, including to—

9                       “(i) national and regional member or-  
10                      ganizations of Indian Tribes;

11                     “(ii) Tribal domestic violence services  
12                     programs; and

13                     “(iii) Tribal non-profit victim service  
14                     providers;

15                  “(E) at the discretion of the hotline oper-  
16            ator, may provide appropriate assistance and  
17            referrals for family and household members of  
18            Indian victims of family violence, domestic vio-  
19            lence, or dating violence, and Indians affected  
20            by the victimization described in subsection (a);  
21            and

22                  “(F) at the discretion of the hotline oper-  
23            ator, may provide assistance, or referrals for  
24            counseling or intervention, for identified Indian  
25            perpetrators, including self-identified perpetra-

1           tors, of family violence, domestic violence, or  
2           dating violence, but shall not be required to  
3           provide such assistance or referrals in any cir-  
4           cumstance in which the hotline operator fears  
5           the safety of a victim may be impacted by an  
6           abuser or suspected abuser.

7           “(f) **REPORTS AND EVALUATION.**—The entity receiv-  
8           ing a grant under this section shall submit a report to  
9           the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required  
10          by the Secretary. Such report shall describe the activities  
11          that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain  
12          an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and  
13          provide such additional information as the Secretary may  
14          reasonably require.

15          “(g) **ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONI-**  
16          **TORING.**—Of amounts made available to carry out this  
17          section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Sec-  
18          retary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative  
19          costs under this section.”.

20   **SEC. 17. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCE-**  
21                                   **MENT AND LEADERSHIP.**

22          Section 314 (42 U.S.C. 10414) is amended to read  
23          as follows:

1 **“SEC. 314. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCE-**  
2 **MENT AND LEADERSHIP.**

3 “(a) PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF GRANTS.—

4 “(1) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this section  
5 are—

6 “(A) to continue efforts to build evidence  
7 about effective primary and secondary preven-  
8 tion practices, programs, and policies that re-  
9 duce and end family violence, domestic violence,  
10 and dating violence;

11 “(B) to build capacity at the State, Tribal,  
12 territorial, and local levels to meet the objec-  
13 tives described in subparagraph (A); and

14 “(C) to advance primary and secondary  
15 prevention efforts related to domestic violence,  
16 dating violence, and family violence nationally.

17 “(2) DESCRIPTION OF GRANTS.—From the  
18 amounts appropriated under this section, the Sec-  
19 retary shall—

20 “(A) acting through the Division of Vio-  
21 lence Prevention of the Centers for Disease  
22 Control and Prevention, in consultation with  
23 the Director of the Division of Family Violence  
24 Prevention and Services of the Administration  
25 for Children and Families—

1           “(i) provide core grants under sub-  
2           section (b)(1) to support primary and sec-  
3           ondary prevention of domestic violence,  
4           dating violence, and family violence; and

5           “(ii) enter into cooperative agree-  
6           ments under subsection (b)(2) with State,  
7           territorial, and Tribal domestic violence  
8           coalitions that are in partnerships with en-  
9           tities carrying out local and culturally spe-  
10          cific programs, to test, evaluate, or, as ap-  
11          propriate, scale up innovative domestic vio-  
12          lence, dating violence, or family violence  
13          primary and secondary prevention models,  
14          particularly those programs serving cul-  
15          turally specific or traditionally underserved  
16          populations; and

17          “(B) acting through the Family Violence  
18          Prevention and Services Program of the Admin-  
19          istration for Children and Families, award  
20          grants under subsection (c) to enhance the ca-  
21          pacity of communities and systems to engage in  
22          effective primary and secondary prevention ef-  
23          forts.

24          “(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION,  
25          AND MONITORING.—Of the amounts appropriated

1 under this section for a fiscal year the Secretary  
2 may use—

3 “(A) not more than 7 percent of the  
4 amounts for each fiscal year for evaluation,  
5 monitoring, and other administrative costs  
6 under this section; and

7 “(B) not more than 3 percent of the  
8 amounts for each fiscal year for technical as-  
9 sistance under this section.

10 “(b) GRANTS TO STATE, TERRITORIAL, AND TRIBAL  
11 COALITIONS.—

12 “(1) GRANTS TO BUILD PRIMARY AND SEC-  
13 ONDARY PREVENTION CAPACITY OF DOMESTIC VIO-  
14 LENCE COALITIONS.—

15 “(A) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall pro-  
16 vide a core grant for each eligible State, terri-  
17 torial, and Tribal coalition. The Secretary shall  
18 provide such a grant to build organizational ca-  
19 pacity and leadership for primary and sec-  
20 ondary prevention of domestic violence, dating  
21 violence, and family violence, including work  
22 with other systems central to primary and sec-  
23 ondary prevention at the local, State, territorial,  
24 and Tribal levels.

1           “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
2           ceive a grant under this paragraph, a State,  
3           territorial, or Tribal coalition shall be a State  
4           domestic violence coalition, territorial domestic  
5           violence coalition, or Tribal domestic violence  
6           coalition, respectively, that has not entered into  
7           a cooperative agreement under section 314 of  
8           this title (as in effect on the day before the date  
9           of enactment of the Family Violence Prevention  
10          and Services Improvement Act of 2023) or  
11          under paragraph (2).

12          “(C) APPLICATION.—Each coalition seek-  
13          ing a grant under this paragraph shall submit  
14          an application to the Secretary at such time, in  
15          such manner, and containing such information  
16          as the Secretary may require. The application  
17          submitted by the coalition for the grant shall  
18          provide documentation of the coalition’s pri-  
19          mary prevention work, satisfactory to the Sec-  
20          retary, demonstrating that the coalition—

21                  “(i) meets all of the applicable re-  
22                  quirements of this paragraph; and

23                  “(ii) demonstrates the ability to con-  
24                  duct appropriately the primary and sec-



1           ondary prevention activities described in  
2           this paragraph.

3           “(D) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Of the  
4           amounts made available to carry out this para-  
5           graph, the Secretary shall allot an equal share  
6           to each qualified entity receiving funds under  
7           section 311 or section 311A to carry out evi-  
8           dence-informed prevention activities.

9           “(E) USE OF FUNDS.—A coalition that re-  
10          ceives a grant under this paragraph—

11                   “(i) shall use the grant funds to—

12                           “(I) build the coalition’s organi-  
13                           zational capacity and enhance its  
14                           State or Tribal leadership to advance  
15                           evidence-informed primary and sec-  
16                           ondary prevention of domestic vio-  
17                           lence, dating violence, and family vio-  
18                           lence;

19                           “(II) provide primary and sec-  
20                           ondary prevention-focused training,  
21                           technical assistance, peer learning op-  
22                           portunities, and other support to local  
23                           domestic violence programs and other  
24                           community-based and culturally spe-  
25                           cific programs working to address do-

1 mestic violence, dating violence, or  
2 family violence;

3 “(III) provide training and advo-  
4 cacy to other State, Tribal, and local  
5 public and private systems on how to  
6 prevent domestic violence, dating vio-  
7 lence, and family violence, and help  
8 victims, including through health serv-  
9 ices, housing and shelter services,  
10 early childhood programs, economic  
11 support programs, schools, child wel-  
12 fare, workforce development, commu-  
13 nity-based programs primarily serving  
14 racial and ethnic minority groups,  
15 community-based programs serving  
16 Deaf individuals and individuals with  
17 disabilities, community-based pro-  
18 grams primarily serving other under-  
19 served populations, faith-based pro-  
20 grams, and youth programs; and

21 “(IV) support dissemination of  
22 primary and secondary prevention  
23 strategies and approaches throughout  
24 the State, territorial, or Tribal com-  
25 munities; and

1                   “(ii) may use the grant funds to pro-  
2                   vide subgrants to local programs to sup-  
3                   port the dissemination of primary and sec-  
4                   ondary prevention programs or initiatives.

5                   “(F) REPORTS.—Each coalition receiving a  
6                   grant under this paragraph shall submit a re-  
7                   port to the Secretary at such time as the Sec-  
8                   retary requires. Such report shall describe the  
9                   activities that have been carried out with such  
10                  grant funds and the effectiveness of such activi-  
11                  ties, and provide such additional information as  
12                  the Secretary may require.

13                  “(G) FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.—The Sec-  
14                  retary may use a portion of the funds provided  
15                  under this paragraph to provide primary and  
16                  secondary prevention-focused training, technical  
17                  assistance, and other support to coalitions de-  
18                  scribed in subparagraph (B) or State or local  
19                  entities that are in partnerships with such coal-  
20                  itions.

21                  “(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR IMPLE-  
22                  MENTATION AND EVALUATION OF PRIMARY AND  
23                  SECONDARY PREVENTION STRATEGIES.—

24                  “(A) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall enter  
25                  into cooperative agreements with qualified

1 State, territorial, and Tribal domestic violence  
2 coalitions that are in partnerships with entities  
3 carrying out local and culturally specific pro-  
4 grams, to test, evaluate, or, as appropriate,  
5 scale up innovative domestic violence, dating vi-  
6 olence, or family violence primary and sec-  
7 ondary prevention strategies and models, par-  
8 ticularly those serving culturally specific or tra-  
9 ditionally underserved populations.

10 “(B) QUALIFICATION.—To be qualified to  
11 enter into a cooperative agreement under sub-  
12 section (a)(2)(A)(ii), an organization shall be a  
13 State, territorial, or Tribal domestic violence co-  
14 alition and include representatives of pertinent  
15 sectors of the local community, which may in-  
16 clude—

17 “(i) health care providers (including  
18 mental health providers and substance use  
19 disorder treatment providers) and Tribal,  
20 State, or local health departments;

21 “(ii) the education community;

22 “(iii) a faith-based community;

23 “(iv) the juvenile justice system;

1           “(v) domestic violence, dating vio-  
2           lence, and family violence service program  
3           advocates;

4           “(vi) public human service entities;

5           “(vii) business and civic leaders;

6           “(viii) child and youth-serving organi-  
7           zations;

8           “(ix) community-based organizations  
9           whose primary purpose is to provide cul-  
10          turally appropriate services to underserved  
11          populations, including racial and ethnic mi-  
12          nority communities; and

13          “(x) other pertinent sectors.

14          “(C) TERM.—The Secretary shall enter  
15          into a cooperative agreement under this para-  
16          graph for a period of not more than 5 fiscal  
17          years.

18          “(D) CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT.—The  
19          provision of payments under a cooperative  
20          agreement under this paragraph shall be sub-  
21          ject to—

22                 “(i) annual approval by the Secretary;

23                 and

24                 “(ii) the availability of appropriations  
25                 for each fiscal year to make the payments.

1           “(E) APPLICATIONS.—An organization  
2 that desires to enter into a cooperative agree-  
3 ment under this paragraph shall submit to the  
4 Secretary an application, in such form and in  
5 such manner as the Secretary shall require,  
6 that—

7           “(i) identifies models and strategies to  
8 be tested and partner organizations who  
9 will be implementing programs to prevent  
10 domestic violence, dating violence, or fam-  
11 ily violence;

12           “(ii) demonstrates that the applicant  
13 has developed effective and collaborative  
14 relationships with diverse communities, in-  
15 cluding with organizations primarily serv-  
16 ing racial and ethnic minority populations  
17 or other underserved populations;

18           “(iii) identifies other partners and  
19 sectors who will be engaged to meet the  
20 primary and secondary prevention goals;

21           “(iv) includes a description of the ex-  
22 pected outcomes from the primary and sec-  
23 ondary prevention activities and how the  
24 strategy is expected to achieve those out-  
25 comes;

1           “(v) describes the method to be used  
2           for identification and selection of project  
3           staff and a project evaluator;

4           “(vi) describes the method to be used  
5           for identification and selection of a project  
6           council consisting of representatives of the  
7           community sectors listed in subparagraph  
8           (B);

9           “(vii) demonstrates that the applicant  
10          has the capacity to carry out collaborative  
11          community initiatives to prevent domestic  
12          violence, dating violence, and family vio-  
13          lence;

14          “(viii) describes the applicant’s plans  
15          to evaluate the models and strategies it in-  
16          tends to implement, including dem-  
17          onstrating that the methods selected are  
18          rigorous;

19          “(ix) describes the applicant’s existing  
20          capacity to collect and analyze data to  
21          monitor performance and support evalua-  
22          tion and other evidence-building activities  
23          or how they will use the grant to develop  
24          such capacity; and

1           “(x) contains such other information,  
2           agreements, and assurances as the Sec-  
3           retary may require.

4           “(F) GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION.—The Sec-  
5           retary shall enter into cooperative agreements  
6           under this paragraph with organizations in  
7           States, territories, and Tribes geographically  
8           dispersed throughout the Nation.

9           “(G) USE OF FUNDS.—

10           “(i) IN GENERAL.—An organization  
11           that enters into a cooperative agreement  
12           under this paragraph shall use the funds  
13           made available through the agreement to  
14           establish, operate, and maintain implemen-  
15           tation and evaluation of coordinated com-  
16           munity response to reduce risk factors for  
17           domestic violence, dating violence, and  
18           family violence perpetration and enhance  
19           protective factors to promote positive de-  
20           velopment and healthy relationships and  
21           communities.

22           “(ii) EVALUATION, MONITORING, AD-  
23           MINISTRATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-  
24           ANCE.—The Secretary may use a portion  
25           of the funds provided under this paragraph



1 for evaluation, monitoring, administration,  
2 and technical assistance described in sub-  
3 section (a)(3) with respect to the preven-  
4 tion projects.

5 “(H) REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing  
6 and operating a project under this paragraph,  
7 an organization shall—

8 “(i) utilize evidence-informed primary  
9 and secondary prevention project planning;

10 “(ii) recognize and address the needs  
11 of underserved populations, including ra-  
12 cial and ethnic minority groups, and indi-  
13 viduals with disabilities;

14 “(iii) use not less than 30 percent or  
15 more than 50 percent of awarded funds to  
16 subcontract with local domestic violence  
17 programs or other community-based pro-  
18 grams to develop and implement such  
19 projects;

20 “(iv) in the case of a new grantee, use  
21 the funds for up to 1 year for planning  
22 and capacity building without subcon-  
23 tracting as described in clause (iii); and

24 “(v) use up to 8 percent of the funds  
25 awarded under this paragraph to procure

1 technical assistance from a list of providers  
2 approved by the Secretary and peer-to-peer  
3 technical assistance from other grantees  
4 under this paragraph.

5 “(I) REPORTS.—Each organization enter-  
6 ing into a cooperative agreement under this  
7 paragraph shall submit a report to the Sec-  
8 retary at such time as shall be reasonably re-  
9 quired by the Secretary. Such report shall de-  
10 scribe activities that have been carried out with  
11 the funds made available through the agree-  
12 ment and the effectiveness of such activities,  
13 and provide such additional information as the  
14 Secretary may reasonably require. The Sec-  
15 retary shall make the evaluations received  
16 under this subparagraph publicly available on  
17 the Department of Health and Human Services  
18 internet website, and shall submit such reports  
19 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,  
20 and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee  
21 on Education and Labor of the House of Rep-  
22 resentatives.

23 “(c) GRANTS TO EXPAND COMMUNITY-BASED PRE-  
24 VENTION.—

1           “(1) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish  
2 a grant program to expand the capacity of commu-  
3 nities and systems to engage in effective primary  
4 and secondary prevention efforts.

5           “(2) GRANTS.—The Secretary may award  
6 grants to eligible entities through the program es-  
7 tablished under paragraph (1) for periods of not  
8 more than 4 years. If the Secretary determines that  
9 an entity has received such a grant and been suc-  
10 cessful in meeting the objectives of the grant appli-  
11 cation so submitted, the Secretary may renew the  
12 grant for 1 additional period of not more than 4  
13 years.

14           “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to re-  
15 ceive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall—

16                   “(A) be a private nonprofit, nongovern-  
17 mental organization (which may include faith-  
18 based and charitable organizations) or a Tribal  
19 organization that is—

20                           “(i) a community-based organization  
21 whose primary purpose is providing cul-  
22 turally specific services to racial and ethnic  
23 minority groups or other underserved pop-  
24 ulations;

1           “(ii) a community-based organization  
2           with a program focused on serving youth  
3           or serving children and their parents or  
4           caregivers; or

5           “(iii) a community-based organization  
6           that offers legal services to help victims of  
7           domestic violence, dating violence, or fam-  
8           ily violence and that works to serve the  
9           needs of racial or ethnic minority groups,  
10          other underserved populations, youth, or  
11          children and their parents or caregivers;  
12          and

13          “(B) have a demonstrated record of serv-  
14          ing victims of domestic violence, dating violence,  
15          or family violence, or demonstrate a partnership  
16          with another organization that has such a  
17          record.

18          “(4) APPLICATION.—An entity seeking a grant  
19          under this subsection shall submit an application to  
20          the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
21          containing such information as the Secretary may  
22          reasonably require, including—

23                 “(A) a description of how the entity will  
24                 develop, expand, or replicate evidence-informed  
25                 primary and secondary prevention strategies

1 and approaches in their communities, including  
2 culturally and linguistically appropriate primary  
3 and secondary prevention programming;

4 “(B) documents that the entity meets all  
5 of the applicable requirements set forth in this  
6 subsection; and

7 “(C) demonstrates the ability to conduct  
8 appropriately the primary and secondary pre-  
9 vention activities described in this section.

10 “(5) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives  
11 a grant under this subsection shall use the grant  
12 funds to—

13 “(A) build their organizational capacity  
14 and enhance their leadership of the organiza-  
15 tion within the community to promote commu-  
16 nity engagement in and advancement of evi-  
17 dence-informed primary and secondary preven-  
18 tion of domestic violence, dating violence, or  
19 family violence;

20 “(B) promote strategic primary and sec-  
21 ondary prevention partnership development, in-  
22 cluding between any of domestic violence pro-  
23 grams and health programs, early childhood  
24 programs, economic support programs, schools,  
25 child welfare programs, workforce development,

1 culturally specific community-based organiza-  
2 tions, faith-based programs, community-based  
3 organizations serving Deaf individuals and indi-  
4 viduals with disabilities, and youth programs;

5 “(C) support dissemination of primary and  
6 secondary prevention strategies and approaches  
7 to States, territories, Tribal organizations, and  
8 Tribes; and

9 “(D) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded  
10 under this subsection to procure technical as-  
11 sistance from a list of providers approved by  
12 the Secretary, from peer-to-peer technical as-  
13 sistance from other grantees under this section,  
14 or from both.

15 “(6) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION,  
16 AND MONITORING.—The Secretary may use a por-  
17 tion of the funds provided under this subsection for  
18 evaluation, monitoring, administration, and technical  
19 assistance with respect to the prevention projects.

20 “(7) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity  
21 receiving a grant under this subsection shall submit  
22 a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be  
23 reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report  
24 shall describe the activities that have been carried  
25 out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of

1 the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such  
2 additional information as the Secretary may reason-  
3 ably require.”.

4 **SEC. 18. ADDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS.**

5 The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8 **“SEC. 315. GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.**

9 “(a) **PURPOSE.**—It is the purpose of this section to  
10 provide grants to assist communities in mobilizing and or-  
11 ganizing resources in support of effective and sustainable  
12 programs that will prevent and address domestic violence,  
13 dating violence, and family violence experienced by under-  
14 served populations.

15 “(b) **AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS.**—The Sec-  
16 retary, acting through the Director of the Division of  
17 Family Violence Prevention and Services, shall award ca-  
18 pacity building, implementation, and evaluation grants to  
19 eligible entities to assist in developing, implementing, and  
20 evaluating culturally and linguistically appropriate, com-  
21 munity-driven strategies to prevent and address domestic  
22 violence, dating violence, and family violence in under-  
23 served populations.

24 “(c) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—To be eligible to receive  
25 a grant under this section, an entity shall—

1           “(1) with respect to the programs under sub-  
2 sections (d) and (e), be—

3           “(A) a population specific organization  
4 that has demonstrated experience and expertise  
5 in providing population specific services in the  
6 relevant underserved communities, or a popu-  
7 lation specific organization working in partner-  
8 ship with a victim service provider or domestic  
9 violence or sexual assault coalition; or

10           “(B) a victim service provider offering pop-  
11 ulation-specific services for a specific under-  
12 served population; or

13           “(2) with respect to the program under sub-  
14 section (f), be an eligible entity described in para-  
15 graph (1) that is working in collaboration with an  
16 entity specializing in evaluation with documented ex-  
17 perience working with targeted underserved popu-  
18 lations.

19           “(d) CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.—

20           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
21 grants to eligible entities to support the capacity  
22 building, planning, and development of programs for  
23 underserved communities that utilize community-  
24 driven intervention and prevention strategies that  
25 address the barriers to domestic violence services,



1 raise awareness of domestic violence, dating violence,  
2 and family violence and promote community engage-  
3 ment in the prevention of domestic violence, dating  
4 violence, and family violence in targeted underserved  
5 populations. Such grants may be used to—

6 “(A)(i) expand the collaboration with com-  
7 munity partners who can provide appropriate  
8 assistance to the targeted underserved popu-  
9 lations that are represented by the eligible enti-  
10 ty through the identification of additional part-  
11 ners, particularly among targeted underserved  
12 communities; and

13 “(ii) establish linkages with national,  
14 State, Tribal, or local public and private part-  
15 ners, which may include community health  
16 workers, advocacy organizations, and policy or-  
17 ganizations;

18 “(B) establish community working groups;

19 “(C) conduct a needs assessment of tar-  
20 geted underserved populations to determine the  
21 barriers to access and factors contributing to  
22 such barriers, using input from targeted under-  
23 served communities;

24 “(D) participate in training and technical  
25 assistance sponsored by the Family Violence

1 Prevention and Services program for program  
2 development, implementation, evaluation, and  
3 other programmatic issues;

4 “(E) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded  
5 under this subsection to procure technical as-  
6 sistance from a list of providers approved by  
7 the Family Violence Prevention and Services  
8 program;

9 “(F) identify promising intervention and  
10 prevention strategies;

11 “(G) develop a plan with the input of tar-  
12 geted underserved communities that includes  
13 strategies for—

14 “(i) implementing intervention and  
15 prevention strategies that have the greatest  
16 potential for addressing the barriers to ac-  
17 cessing services, raising awareness of do-  
18 mestic violence, and promoting community  
19 engagement in the prevention of domestic  
20 violence, dating violence, and family vio-  
21 lence within targeted underserved popu-  
22 lations;

23 “(ii) identifying other sources of rev-  
24 enue and integrating current and proposed

1 funding sources to ensure long-term sus-  
2 tainability of the program; and

3 “(iii) conducting performance meas-  
4 urement processes, including collecting  
5 data and measuring progress toward ad-  
6 dressing domestic violence, dating violence,  
7 and family violence or raising awareness of  
8 domestic violence, dating violence, and  
9 family violence in targeted underserved  
10 populations; and

11 “(H) conduct an evaluation of the planning  
12 and development activities.

13 “(2) DURATION.—The period during which  
14 payments may be made under a grant under para-  
15 graph (1) shall not exceed 4 years, except where the  
16 Secretary determines that extraordinary cir-  
17 cumstances exist.

18 “(e) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
20 grants to eligible entities that have received a plan-  
21 ning grant under subsection (d) or who already have  
22 demonstrated experience and expertise in providing  
23 population specific services in the relevant under-  
24 served communities to enable such entities to—

1           “(A) implement a plan including interven-  
2           tion services or prevention strategies to address  
3           the identified barrier or awareness issue or ini-  
4           tiate the community engagement strategy for  
5           targeted underserved populations, in an effec-  
6           tive and timely manner;

7           “(B) design and implement a plan to  
8           evaluate the program, including collecting data  
9           appropriate for monitoring performance of the  
10          program carried out under the grant;

11          “(C) analyze data consistent with the eval-  
12          uation design, including collaborating with aca-  
13          demic or other appropriate institutions for such  
14          analysis;

15          “(D) participate in training for the pur-  
16          pose of informing and educating other entities  
17          regarding the experiences and lessons learned  
18          from the project;

19          “(E) collaborate with appropriate partners  
20          to disseminate information gained from the  
21          project for the benefit of other domestic vio-  
22          lence, dating violence, and family violence pro-  
23          grams;

24          “(F) establish mechanisms with other pub-  
25          lic or private groups to maintain financial sup-

1 port for the program after the grant termi-  
2 nates;

3 “(G) develop policy initiatives for systems  
4 change to address the barriers or awareness  
5 issue;

6 “(H) develop and implement community  
7 engagement strategies;

8 “(I) maintain relationships with local part-  
9 ners and continue to develop new relationships  
10 with national and State partners; and

11 “(J) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded  
12 under this subsection to procure technical as-  
13 sistance from a list of providers approved by  
14 the Family Violence Prevention and Services  
15 program.

16 “(2) DURATION.—The Secretary shall award  
17 grants under this subsection for 4-year periods.

18 “(f) EVALUATION GRANTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award  
20 grants to eligible entities that have received an im-  
21 plementation grant under subsection (e) and that re-  
22 quire additional assistance for the purpose of exe-  
23 cuting the proposed evaluation design, including de-  
24 veloping the design, collecting and analyzing data

1 (including process and outcome measures), and dis-  
2 seminating findings.

3 “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this  
4 subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to—

5 “(A) entities that in previous funding cy-  
6 cles—

7 “(i) have received a grant under sub-  
8 section (d); or

9 “(ii) established population specific  
10 organizations that have demonstrated ex-  
11 perience and expertise in providing popu-  
12 lation-specific services in the relevant un-  
13 derserved communities programs; and

14 “(B) entities that incorporate best prac-  
15 tices or build on successful models in their ac-  
16 tion plan, including the use of community advo-  
17 cates.

18 “(3) DURATION.—The period during which  
19 payments may be made under a grant under para-  
20 graph (1) shall not exceed 4 years, except where the  
21 Secretary determines that extraordinary cir-  
22 cumstances exist.

23 “(g) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds pro-  
24 vided under this section shall be used to supplement and  
25 not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds

1 expended to provide services and activities that promote  
2 the purposes of this title.

3 “(h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, AND  
4 MONITORING.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds appropriated  
6 under this section for each fiscal year—

7 “(A) up to 5 percent may be used by the  
8 Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other  
9 administrative costs under this section; and

10 “(B) up to 3 percent may be used by the  
11 Secretary for technical assistance.

12 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY  
13 GRANTEES.—The Secretary shall enable grantees to  
14 share best practices, evaluation results, and reports  
15 using the internet, conferences, and other pertinent  
16 information regarding the projects funded by this  
17 section, including the outreach efforts of the Family  
18 Violence Prevention and Services program.

19 “(3) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity  
20 receiving funds under this section shall file a per-  
21 formance report at such times as requested by the  
22 Secretary describing the activities that have been  
23 carried out with such grant funds and providing  
24 such additional information as the Secretary may re-  
25 quire.

1       “(i) ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS.—The Secretary  
2 shall make every effort to minimize duplicative or unneces-  
3 sary administrative burdens on the grantees.

4       **“SEC. 316. GRANTS TO ENHANCE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC**  
5                   **SERVICES FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINOR-**  
6                   **ITY POPULATIONS.**

7       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-  
8 lish a grant program to establish or enhance culturally  
9 specific services for victims of domestic violence, dating  
10 violence, and family violence from racial and ethnic minor-  
11 ity populations.

12       “(b) PURPOSES.—

13           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes of the grant  
14 program under this section are to—

15                   “(A) develop and support innovative cul-  
16 turally specific community-based programs to  
17 enhance access to shelter services or supportive  
18 services to further the purposes of domestic vio-  
19 lence, dating violence, and family violence inter-  
20 vention and prevention for all victims of domes-  
21 tic violence, dating violence, and family violence  
22 from racial and ethnic minority populations who  
23 face obstacles to using more traditional services  
24 and resources;



1           “(B) strengthen the capacity and further  
2 the leadership development of individuals in ra-  
3 cial and ethnic minority populations to address  
4 domestic violence, dating violence, and family  
5 violence in their communities; and

6           “(C) promote strategic partnership devel-  
7 opment and collaboration, including with health  
8 systems, early childhood programs, economic  
9 support programs, schools, child welfare, work-  
10 force development, domestic violence, dating vi-  
11 olence, and family violence programs, other  
12 community-based programs, community-based  
13 organizations serving individuals with disabil-  
14 ities, faith-based programs, and youth pro-  
15 grams, in order to further a public health ap-  
16 proach to addressing domestic violence, dating  
17 violence, and family violence.

18           “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

19           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
20 award grants to programs based in the targeted  
21 community to establish or enhance domestic vi-  
22 olence, dating violence, and family violence  
23 intervention and prevention efforts that address  
24 distinctive culturally specific responses to do-

1 domestic violence, dating violence, and family vio-  
2 lence in racial and ethnic minority populations.

3 “(B) NEW PROGRAMS.—In carrying out  
4 this section, the Secretary may award initial  
5 planning and capacity building grants to eligible  
6 entities that are establishing new programs in  
7 order to support the planning and development  
8 of culturally specific programs.

9 “(C) COMPETITIVE BASIS.—The Secretary  
10 shall ensure that grants are awarded, to the ex-  
11 tent practical, only on a competitive basis, and  
12 that a grant is awarded for a proposal only if  
13 the proposal has been recommended for such an  
14 award through a process of peer review.

15 “(D) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Up to 5  
16 percent of funds appropriated under this sec-  
17 tion for a fiscal year shall be available for tech-  
18 nical assistance to be used by the grantees to  
19 access training and technical assistance from  
20 organizations that have entered into a coopera-  
21 tive agreement with the Director to provide  
22 training and technical assistance regarding the  
23 provision of effective culturally specific, commu-  
24 nity-based services for racial and ethnic minor-  
25 ity populations.

1           “(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—

2           The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agree-  
3           ments or contracts with organizations having a dem-  
4           onstrated expertise in and whose primary purpose is  
5           addressing the development and provision of cul-  
6           turally specific, accessible, community-based services  
7           to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and  
8           family violence from the targeted populations to pro-  
9           vide training and technical assistance for grantees.

10          “(c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible for a grant  
11 under this section, an entity shall—

12           “(1) be a private nonprofit, nongovernmental  
13           organization that is—

14           “(A) a community-based organization  
15           whose primary purpose is providing culturally  
16           specific services to victims of domestic violence,  
17           dating violence, and family violence from racial  
18           and ethnic minority populations; or

19           “(B) a community-based organization  
20           whose primary purpose is providing culturally  
21           specific services to individuals from racial and  
22           ethnic minority populations that can partner  
23           with an organization having demonstrated ex-  
24           pertise in serving victims of domestic violence,  
25           dating violence, and family violence; and

1           “(2) have a board of directors and staffing with  
2           demonstrated expertise in serving racial and ethnic  
3           minority populations.

4           “(d) CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS OF SERVICES.—  
5           The Secretary shall ensure that information and services  
6           provided pursuant to this section are provided in the lan-  
7           guage, educational, and cultural context that is most ap-  
8           propriate for the individuals for whom the information and  
9           services are intended, and that information is made avail-  
10          able in accessible formats as appropriate.

11          “(e) GRANT PERIOD.—The Secretary shall award  
12          grants for a 4-year period, with a possible extension of  
13          another 2 years to further implement the projects under  
14          the grant.

15          “(f) NONEXCLUSIVITY.—Nothing in this section shall  
16          be interpreted to exclude linguistically and culturally spe-  
17          cific community-based entities from applying for other  
18          sources of funding available under this title.

19          “(g) REPORTS.—Each entity receiving funds under  
20          this section shall file a performance report at such times  
21          as requested by the Secretary describing the activities that  
22          have been carried out with such grant funds and providing  
23          such additional information as the Secretary may require.

24          “(h) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONI-  
25          TORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this

1 section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Sec-  
2 retary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative  
3 costs under this section.

4 “(i) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall  
5 be construed to allow a grantee to limit services to victims  
6 of domestic violence, dating, violence, or family violence  
7 on the basis of race or ethnicity.”.

8 **SEC. 19. ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL**  
9 **STABILITY AMONG SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC**  
10 **VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND FAMILY**  
11 **VIOLENCE.**

12 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
13 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
14 States shall conduct a study and issue a report that in-  
15 cludes—

16 (1) a review of what is known about the num-  
17 ber of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence,  
18 and family violence in the United States;

19 (2) statistical data, where available, for recent  
20 fiscal years, on the number of survivors described in  
21 paragraph (1);

22 (3) a description of the key Federal programs  
23 providing survivors described in paragraph (1) with  
24 financial and non-financial support;

1           (4) an analysis of the gaps in current Federal  
2 programs, in terms of benefit adequacy and benefit  
3 coverage for the population of survivors described in  
4 paragraph (1);

5           (5) a demographic analysis of the distribution  
6 of the gaps described in paragraph (4), for groups  
7 including racial and ethnic minorities, individuals  
8 with disabilities, tribal populations, and individuals  
9 who are geographically isolated;

10          (6) a review of challenges that could affect pro-  
11 gram utilization by the population of survivors de-  
12 scribed in paragraph (1);

13          (7) an indication of the extent to which Federal  
14 agencies or departments currently administering  
15 programs described in paragraph (3) have taken  
16 steps to ensure that survivors of domestic violence,  
17 dating violence, and family violence have access to  
18 programs that will support their financial stability;  
19 and

20          (8) information on the outreach efforts con-  
21 ducted pursuant to section 308 on outreach to racial  
22 and ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities,  
23 tribal populations, and individuals who are geo-  
24 graphically isolated, to determine ways—

1                   (A) to increase the availability of services  
2 relating to domestic violence, dating violence,  
3 and family violence for such groups; and

4                   (B) to ensure access to such services.

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