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Violence Prevention Grant Program

Summary

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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Lead Name of Organization

Rape Crisis Center (RCC)

Fiscal Agent (If Applicable)

(No response)

Unique Entity ID (UEI):

23-7329215

US CAGE Code (If UEI cannot be provided):

(No response)

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Program Information

Program Name:

Compensation for Survivors of Unreported Sexual Violence

Total Amount Requested:

**Limit \$10,000 - \$80,000*

\$ 50,000

Roadmap Goal and Objective

Goal 4: Bolster and Increase Intervention and Continuous Healing for Those Affected by Violence : Advance policies and give funding that enhance safety of survivors before, during and after legal proceedings edit to include people excluded who don't report to law enforcement

Please Select Service Area:

Both

Estimated Percentage of Work time in Service Area:

**Total Must Equal 100%*

City of Madison:	65
Dane County:	35

Brief Summary of your Program:

**150 Words Limit*

If a survivor of sexual violence in Dane County does not report to law enforcement, they lose access to compensation to support their stabilization after violence - up to \$40,000 from the Wisconsin Crime Victim Compensation Program (WCVCP). The choice to report to law enforcement is the survivors, and there are several roadblocks to reporting that risk their emotional, personal, and physical safety after an assault. The Rape Crisis Center has developed programming to support clients who choose not to report to law enforcement. The categories of medical, personal, and shelter support mirror the eligible expenses under WCVCP so a survivor does not have to choose between meeting their basic needs and reporting a sensitive crime.

SECTION 2: SCOPE OF PROPOSED WORK

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A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Provide a detailed description of your proposed program that includes:

- 1. Scope of the programs services and activities**
- 2. Specific needs for services/activities this program addresses in the target community this program reaches**
- 3. An explanation of how your program directly addresses the selected Roadmap Objective**
- 4. How health and racial equity will be incorporated into the proposed initiative**
- 5. Relevant data, research, best practices and/or evidence based practices that inform the programs design**

As the only comprehensive sexual assault resource center in Dane County, the Rape Crisis Center (RCC) advocates for those harmed by sexual violence by centering survivors, promoting societal change, and committing to be an evolving force for social equity. RCC provides 24-hour helpline support, emotional-support, system advocacy, personal advocacy, short-term counseling and therapy, community education and outreach, youth programs centering sexual violence prevention, and programs promoting self-defense and by-stander intervention. All services are free to survivors, their support systems, and the community. RCC Advocates provide individualized case management and wraparound services to meet the unique needs of each client as they work towards stabilization in the aftermath of sexual violence.

August of 2023, RCC will implement programming to provide compensation to survivors who choose not to report to law enforcement. It is common to not report rape. Only 310 out of every 1,000 sexual assaults are reported to police. That means more than 2 out of 3 go unreported ([RAINN.org](https://www.rainn.org), Criminal Justice System Statistics). Further, if a crime is reported to police, fewer victims seek compensation. According to the Victims of Crime Compensation, Fiscal Year 2018 Data Analysis Report, a total of 278,973 victims filed for compensation in 53 eligible states and territories. Of those filed, 45,170 were for sexual assault compensation. From these claims, we know that not only is sexual assault significantly underreported, but victims are at a loss in receiving appropriate compensation owed for the crimes committed against them.

Through the Wisconsin Crime Victim Compensation Program, victims of sexual assault are eligible for up to \$40,000 in compensation. To qualify, a survivor must report the crime to law enforcement and do so within 72 hours. Several barriers stand in the way of survivors reporting including but not limited to;

- 1.) Historical violence engaging with police and mistrust of the legal system.
- 2.) Emotional and personal ramifications of reporting a friend or family member. Cited in RAINN Perpetrators of Sexual Violence Often Know the Victim, 8 out of 10 rapes are committed by someone known to the victim.
- 3.) The trauma of reliving the experience throughout the reporting and legal process when there is no certainty that reporting to law enforcement will result in a trial or conviction. Only 25 of every 1,000 rapists will end up in prison (RAINN, About Sexual Assault). Often this results in a personal choice to prioritize bodily health and safety, rather

than filing a report.

In choosing not to report, survivors lose access to any compensation entitled to them as a victim of a violent crime. RCC's Compensation for Survivors of Unreported Sexual Violence is modeled directly after the Wisconsin Crime Victim Compensation Program to support the needs and uplift the safety of survivors in the aftermath of sexual violence without the reporting process. Program categories will support; Medical: (medical, hospital, surgical, pharmacy, and mental health counseling expenses), Personal: (personal items, beds, bedding, clothing, food, and security cameras), Shelter: (security deposits, rental support, hotel stays). Clients will be supported by their RCC Advocates, Executive Director, and Direct Services Supervision Coordinator to ensure they meet their basic needs and receive compensation to support stabilization after their assault. This program directly addresses the roadmap objective because we are choosing to meet the needs of clients who do not report to law enforcement.

B. SERVICE AREA AND TARGET POPULATION

Provide an estimate of the number of participants populations to be served in the areas below:

City of Madison	50
Dane County (Excluding Madison Numbers)	50

Provide an explanation of the service area and population your program will serve include:

- *Details about the targeted geographic area and the population this program seeks to serve*
- *How you will ensure that all the activities conducted are culturally relevant to the populations you serve*
- *How you language access will be ensured for your program*

The Rape Crisis Center serves the City of Madison and Dane County. Compensation for Survivors of Unreported Sexual Violence will be available for victims who reside in Dane County and the City of Madison. We anticipate an average of \$250 of compensation per survivor. In 2022, RCC served 548 clients.

2022 RCC client demographic data: American Indian 1%, Asian 9%, African American 15%, White 57%, Hispanic/Latino 10%, Pacific Islander 1%. Income: 44% of client served are low-income. Age: 12-18 (18%), 18-35 (46%), 35-55 (33%), 55+ (3%).

2022 Dane County resident demographic data: American Indian .5% Asian 6.5%, African American 5%, White 84%, Hispanic/Latino 6.9%, Pacific Islander.1%. Income: 11% of Dane County Residents are low income.

In comparison to Dane County demographic data, RCC clients served are represented 3x (African American) to 4x (low income) as much at our agency than they are in Dane County. We anticipate similar demographics served from 2023-2024.

Over the last several years, RCC has worked to ensure we are a resource for all impacted by sexual violence. This has included establishing a three-year partnership with the nINA Collective to decolonize and address systemic racism impacting our practices in order to create an equitable and culturally responsive environment for staff and clients to thrive. Our intention is to make RCC a viable and successful option for survivors of color and other marginalized survivors. RCC also updated our mission, vision and values with the understanding that oppression is the root cause of sexual violence and without eradicating all forms of oppression, we cannot eradicate sexual violence. To embody this work, we expanded our services, creating the first and only support group for LGBTQIA+ identifying survivors in Dane County. This program is now a permanent part of our ongoing services. In 2023, we expanded our advocacy services to hire a full time culturally specific advocate for Black survivors of sexual violence in Dane County. Our services also include bilingual/bicultural advocate positions for the Latinx community as well as full time culturally specific outreach positions for the Black and Latinx communities. These dedicated staff positions help ensure that all activities conducted are culturally relevant to the populations that we serve.

RCC partners with the Interpreters Cooperative of Madison to meet any language access needs outside of our staff (English and Spanish). RCC also partners with Purple Communications to provide ASL interpretation.

Using the table below, describe implementation plan and timeline for the program (Complete at least 3)

	Estimated Benchmark Date (Month, Year)	Key Staff (Name and Title)	Milestone (Program development phase completed)
A.	August 2023	Dana Pellebon - Executive Director, Tierney Twing - Direct Services Supervision Coordinator	Compensation for Survivors of Unreported Sexual Violence program launches
B.	November 2023	Dana Pellebon - Executive Director, Tierney Twing - Direct Services Supervision Coordinator, Rachel Dietzman - Grants Manager	Q1 of project completed, \$6,250 in victim compensation funds spent, required reporting
C.	February 2024	Dana Pellebon - Executive Director, Tierney Twing - Direct Services Supervision Coordinator, Rachel Dietzman - Grants Manager	Q2 of project completed, \$6,250 in victim compensation funds spent, required reporting
D.	May 2024	Dana Pellebon - Executive Director, Tierney Twing - Direct Services Supervision Coordinator, Rachel Dietzman - Grants Manager	Q3 of project completed, \$6,250 in victim compensation funds spent, required reporting
E.	July 2024	Dana Pellebon - Executive Director, Tierney Twing - Direct Services Supervision Coordinator, Rachel Dietzman - Grants Manager	Q4 of project completed, \$6,250 in victim compensation funds spent, required reporting
F.	July 2024	Dana Pellebon - Executive Director, Tierney Twing - Direct Services Supervision Coordinator, Rachel Dietzman - Grants Manager	Program evaluation for improvement in continuing years and final reporting
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C. IMPLEMENTATION

Describe your organization experience implementing community-based programs that specifically focus on using violence prevention and intervention methods to reduce violence activities and improve safety

RCC has deep partnerships with local service providers. These partnerships allow staff to connect with the populations served by the organizations and/or to receive specialized training to improve existing opportunities for outreach in the community. RCC's Executive Director Dana Pellebon participates in Dane County Violence Prevention Collaboration. Partners include, DAIS, Rape Crisis Center, Rainbow Project, and Focused Interruption. Pellebon has served on committees for the Public Health Department's Violence Prevention Roadmap Team, to help determine initiatives that should be coordinated through Public Health to prevent violence. This community involvement ensures that we know what each provider is doing, what resources we need, and what we have and to bolster each other's efforts. For example, RCC's expansion of our Therapy Services program in 2021 was a direct response to the needs of our clients and community partners. During the pandemic, when therapy waitlists surged, clients working with RCC, UNIDOS, and DAIS faced waiting for 3-6 months to access a therapist. This issue was exasperated for clients seeking culturally specific or bilingual/bicultural therapists and for clients with active court cases who were turned away by therapists because of their case. Through collaboration, RCC found a solution to this crisis that serves our clients and community partners.

Rape Crisis Center also provides leadership for and support to sexual assault victim services throughout Dane County. For two years RCC's Co-Executive Director Dana Pellebon, has and continues to co-chair the Dane County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT), and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), which is a coordination between county agencies, law enforcement, and the district attorney to review practices around investigating and supporting victims of sexual assault organizing efforts to increase cultural responsiveness, victim centered services, and trauma informed approaches. She also serves on the Attorney General's SART, the Commission on Sensitive Crimes, and the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Team, which works with law enforcement and the district attorney's office to inform survivors of sexual assault results of DNA matching to perpetrators. Dana Pellebon also provides training to law enforcement in the City of Madison focused on developing skills that support interactions with victims of sexual assault by ensuring that they are guided by trauma informed practices.

The described involvement is a part of our ongoing work with community-based violence prevention to improve conditions for survivors in our community. Implementing the Compensation for Survivors of Unreported Sexual Violence program will build upon this work to assist survivors in safely meeting their basic needs without the harm often associated with choosing to report to law enforcement.

D. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION

Provide 3-4 objectives for your program that connect both to measuring the success of program activities, as well as to the progress towards addressing the selected Roadmap Objective

Objectives should use the SMART approach:

- *Specific: includes the “who”, “what”, and “where”*
- *Measurable: focuses on “how much” change is expected*
- *Achievable: realistic given program resources and planned implementation*
- *Relevant: relates directly to program/activity goals*
- *Time-bound: focuses on “when” the objective will be achieved*

	Describe Objective	Evaluation Tool (i.e. client surveys, program hours or number of individuals reached)	Outcome (i.e. # of individuals reached, % of positive feedback from surveys)
Objective 1	1. Respond to the emotional, psychological, or physical needs of sexual assault victims who choose not to report to law enforcement in the City of Madison and Dane County.	Provide individual support for 200 clients, which includes emotional support sessions and compensation services. Client surveys and records of individuals reached.	70% of 200 individuals that receive emotional-support, personal advocacy, and compensation assistance will report having had medical, psychological, and physical needs met.
Objective 2	2. Provide case management services to clients with individualized and supportive wrap around services that address conditions that worsen or inhibit seeking services following an assault.	Provide 100 clients access to compensation for medical, personal, and housing support. Clients reached, client surveys.	70% of 100 individuals that receive compensation support will report having improved stabilizing in their lives after victimization, including support for wrap-around needs.
Objective 3	3. Enhance the accessibility of services for victims from Black and Latinx communities to meet their basic needs following an assault if they choose to not report to law enforcement.	Provide culturally specific crisis response to 50 individuals in the City of Madison and Dane County. Individuals reached, client surveys.	70% of 50 individuals that access services report feeling supported during their crisis and indicated RCC services helped them to meet their basic needs.
Objective 4			

E. PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Provide a detailed description of your proposed program that includes:

- 1. Describe how your organization is plans to partner with the Madison Dane County Prevention Coalition to support program implementation when possible*
- 2. Provide information on how your organization will meaningfully collaborate with other organizations in Madison and Dane County.*

There are no formal partnerships for the Compensation for Survivors of Unreported Sexual Violence Program. However, as mentioned RCC's Executive Director Dana Pellebon represents Rape Crisis Center in the Dane County Violence Prevention Collaboration and is deeply involved in the community and community-based violence prevention initiatives. In implementing this project, Pellebon's community involvement and support of community partnerships with violence prevention organizations will continue. Pellebon is available to partner with the Madison Dane County Violence Prevention Coalition to provide project updates and facilitate client referrals from agencies whose clients may be better served from the Rape Crisis Center's services. RCC will also complete all grant and contract compliance including submitting timely reports to maintain updates about project happenings.

Please complete this table below if your program will include collaboration with community partners

	Partner Organization	Contact Person	Signed MOU?	Role and Responsibility
Community Partner #1	N/A			
Community Partner #2				
Community Partner #3				

F. SUSTAINABILITY