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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, from the Committee on Education and Labor, submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 2119]

The Committee on Education and Labor, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2119) to amend the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to make improvements, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

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The amendment is as follows:

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES; SEVERABILITY.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021".

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise specified, amendments made by this Act to a section or other provision of law are amendments to such section or other provision of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.).

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

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

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

"(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to improve services and interventions for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and to advance primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence by—

"(1) assisting States and territories in supporting local domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs to provide accessible, trauma-informed, culturally relevant residential and non-residential services to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence victims and their children and dependents;

"(2) strengthening the capacity of Indian Tribes to exercise their sovereign authority to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence committed against Indians;

"(3) providing for a network of technical assistance and training centers to support effective policy, practice, research, and cross-system collaboration to improve intervention and prevention efforts throughout the country;

"(4) supporting the efforts of State, territorial, and Tribal coalitions to document and address the needs of victims and their children and dependents, including victims and their children and dependents who are underserved, implement effective coordinated community and systems responses, and promote ongoing public education and community engagement;

"(5) maintaining national domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence hotlines, including a national Indian domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence hotline; and

"(6) supporting the development and implementation of evidence-informed, coalition-led, and community-based primary prevention approaches and programs.".

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

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

"SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.

"In this title:

"(1) ALASKA NATIVE.—The term 'Alaska Native' has the meaning given the term Native in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

"(2) CHILD.—The term 'child' means an individual who is—

"(A) younger than age 18; and

"(B) not an emancipated minor.

"(3) DATING PARTNER.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'dating partner' means any person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with an abuser, and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of one or more of the following factors:

"(i) The length of the relationship.

"(ii) The type of the relationship.

"(iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

"(iv) The cultural context of the relationship.

"(B) CONSTRUCTION.—Sexual contact is not a necessary component of a relationship described in subparagraph (A).

"(4) DIGITAL SERVICES.—The term 'digital services' means services, resources, information, support, or referrals provided through electronic communications platforms and media, which may include mobile phone technology, video technology, computer technology (including use of the internet), and any other

emerging communications technologies that are appropriate for the purposes of providing services, resources, information, support, or referrals for the benefit of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

"(5) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, FAMILY VIOLENCE.—The terms 'domestic violence', 'dating violence', and 'family violence' mean any act, threatened act, or pattern of acts of physical or sexual violence, stalking, harassment, psychological abuse, economic abuse, technological abuse, or any other form of abuse, including threatening to commit harm against children or dependents or other members of the household of the recipient of the threat for the purpose of coercion, threatening, or causing harm, directed against—

"(A) a dating partner or other person similarly situated to a dating partner under the laws of the jurisdiction;

"(B) a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the person committing such an act;

"(C) a current or former spouse or other person similarly situated to a spouse under the laws of the jurisdiction;

"(D) a person who shares a child or dependent in common with the person committing such an act;

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

"(F) any other person who is protected from any such act under the domestic or family violence laws, policies, or regulations of the jurisdiction.

"(6) ECONOMIC ABUSE.—The term 'economic abuse', when used in the context of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, means behavior that is coercive or deceptive related to a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled, or that unreasonably controls or restrains a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled. This includes using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to—

"(A) restrict a person's access to money, assets, credit, or financial information;

"(B) unfairly use a person's personal economic resources, including money, assets, and credit, for one's own advantage; or

"(C) exert undue influence over a person's financial and economic behavior or decisions, including forcing default on joint or other financial obligations, exploiting powers of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing or neglecting to act in the best interests of a person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.

"(7) INDIAN; INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms 'Indian', 'Indian Tribe', and 'Tribal organization' have the meanings given the terms 'Indian', 'Indian tribe', and 'tribal organization', respectively, in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

"(8) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term 'institution of higher education' has the meaning given such term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

"(9) NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term 'Native Hawaiian' has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

"(10) PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—The term 'personally identifying information' has the meaning given the term in section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

"(11) POPULATION SPECIFIC SERVICES.—The term 'population specific services' has the meaning given such term in section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

"(12) RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUP; RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY POPULATION.—The terms 'racial and ethnic minority group' and 'racial and ethnic minority population' include each group listed in the definition of such term in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–6(g)).

"(13) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

"(14) SHELTER.—The term 'shelter' means the provision of temporary refuge and basic necessities, in conjunction with supportive services, provided on a regular basis, in compliance with applicable State, Tribal, territorial, or local law to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence and their children and dependents. Such law includes regulations governing the provision of safe homes and other forms of secure temporary lodging, meals, other basic necessities, or supportive services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence and their children and dependents.

"(15) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, except as otherwise provided, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"(16) STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION.—The term 'State Domestic Violence Coalition' means a statewide nongovernmental nonprofit private domestic violence, dating violence, and family organization designated by the Secretary that—

"(A) has a membership that includes a majority of the primary-purpose domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers in the State;

"(B) has board membership that is representative of primary-purpose domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers, and which may include representatives of the communities in which the services are being provided in the State;

"(C) has as its purpose to provide education, support, and technical assistance to such service providers to enable the providers to establish and maintain shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and their children and dependents; and

"(D) serves as an information clearinghouse, primary point of contact, and resource center on domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence for the State and supports the development of polices, protocols, and procedures to enhance domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence intervention and prevention in the State.

"(17) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term 'supportive services' means services for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and children and dependents exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, that are designed to—

"(A) meet the needs of such victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and their children and dependents, for short-term, transitional, or long-term safety; and

"(B) provide counseling, advocacy, or assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and their children and dependents.

"(18) TECHNOLOGICAL ABUSE.—The term 'technological abuse' means an act or pattern of behavior that—

"(A) occurs within domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

"(B) is intended to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass, impersonate, exploit, extort, or monitor, except as otherwise permitted by law, another person; and

"(C) uses any form of information technology, including any of the following:

"(i) Internet-enabled devices.

"(ii) Online spaces or platforms.

"(iii) Computers, mobile devices, or software applications.

"(iv) Location tracking devices.

"(v) Communication technologies.

"(vi) Cameras or imaging platforms.

"(vii) Any other emerging technology.

"(19) TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION.—The term 'Tribal domestic violence coalition' means an established nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian organization recognized by the Office of Violence Against Women at the Department of Justice that—

"(A) provides education, support, and technical assistance to member Indian service providers in a manner that enables the member providers to establish and maintain culturally appropriate services, including shelter (including supportive services) designed to assist Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence and the children and dependents of such victims; and

"(B) is comprised of members that are representative of—

"(i) the member service providers described in subparagraph (A); and

"(ii) the Tribal communities in which the services are being provided.

"(20) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED OFFICIAL.—The term 'Tribally designated official' means an individual designated by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or nonprofit private organization authorized by an Indian Tribe, to administer a grant under section 309.

"(21) UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS; UNDERSERVED INDIVIDUALS.—The terms 'underserved populations' and 'underserved individuals' mean victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and their children and depend-

ents who face obstacles in accessing and using State, Tribal, territorial, or local domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence services, or who may be overrepresented in experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence due to historical barriers. Populations may be underserved on the basis of, marginalized racial and ethnic minority populations, Indigenous status, cultural and language barriers, immigration status, disabilities, mental health needs, sexual orientation or gender identity, age (including both elders and children), geographical location, faith or religious practice or lack thereof, or other bases, as determined by the Secretary.

"(22) VICTIM.—The term 'victim' means an individual against whom an act of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence is carried out.

"(23) YOUTH.—The term 'youth' has the meaning given the term in section 4002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(45)).".

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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

"SEC. 303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out sections 301 through 312 and 316, $270,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

"(2) RESERVATIONS FOR GRANTS TO TRIBES.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, 12.5 percent shall be reserved and used to carry out section 309.

"(3) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year and not reserved under paragraph (2) (referred to in this subsection as the 'remainder'), not less than 70 percent shall be used for making grants under section 306(a).

"(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING CENTERS.—Of the remainder, not less than 6 percent shall be used to carry out section 310.

"(5) GRANTS FOR STATE AND TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—Of the remainder—

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

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

"(6) SPECIALIZED SERVICES.—Of the remainder, not less than 5 percent shall be used to carry out section 312.

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

"(8) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of the remainder, not more than 3.5 percent shall be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this title.

"(b) NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 313 $14,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

"(c) NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 313A $4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

"(d) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH ALLIANCES.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 314 $26,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

"(e) GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 315 $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

"(f) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated for research and evaluation of activities under this title $3,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.".

SEC. 5. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (3), by inserting "or institutions of higher education, including to support and evaluate demonstration or discretionary projects in response to current and emerging issues," after "nongovernmental entities"; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking "CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010" and inserting "Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "have expertise in the field of family violence and domestic violence prevention and services and, to the extent practicable, have expertise in the field of dating violence;" and inserting "have expertise in the field of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence prevention and services;";

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "prevention and treatment of" and inserting "prevention of, intervention in, and treatment of,"; and

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon; and

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

"(D) making grants to eligible entities or entering into contracts with for-profit or nonprofit nongovernmental entities or institutions of higher education to conduct domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence research or evaluation; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(d) EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In response to any emergency or disaster described in paragraph (3), for the duration of the emergency or disaster, the Secretary may—

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

"(B) modify or waive any administrative conditions, processes, or deadlines, including with respect to—

"(i) application requirements;

"(ii) reporting requirements; and

"(iii) grant award extensions.

"(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow altering or waiving the requirements in section 306(c)(2).

"(3) EMERGENCIES DESCRIBED.—The emergencies and disasters described in this paragraph are the following:

"(A) A major disaster declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

"(B) An emergency declared by the President under section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191).

"(C) A public health emergency determined to exist pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).".

SEC. 6. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.

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

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appropriated under section 303 and available for grants to States under section 306(a) for any fiscal year, each State shall be allotted for a grant under section 306(a), $600,000, with the remaining funds to be allotted to each State (other than Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) in an amount that bears the same ratio to such remaining funds as the population of such State bears to the population of all such States (excluding Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).";

(2) in subsection (e), by striking "under section 314" each place such term appears and inserting "under this title"; and

(3) by striking subsection (f).

SEC. 7. FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "dependents" and inserting "children and dependents"; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting "Indians, members of Indian Tribes, or" after "who are";

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

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

"(A) APPLICATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROVISIONS.—Programs and activities funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title are considered to be programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance for the purpose of applying the prohibitions against discrimination

under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), section 40002(b)(13)(A) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13)(A)), and title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.).";

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(I) by inserting ", including sexual orientation or gender identity," after "on the ground of sex"; and

(II) by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: "If sex-segregated or sex-specific programming is necessary to the essential operation of a program, nothing in this paragraph shall prevent any such program or activity from being provided in a sex-specific manner. In such circumstances, grantees may meet the requirements of this paragraph by providing comparable services to individuals who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming.";

(iii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) by striking "Indian tribe" and inserting "Indian Tribe"; and

(II) by striking "tribally" and inserting "Tribally"; and

(iv) in subparagraph (D), by striking "Indian tribe" and inserting "Indian Tribe";

(B) by striking paragraph (4);

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

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

(i) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end the following: "The nondisclosure of confidential or private information requirements under section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)) shall apply to grantees and subgrantees under this title in the same manner such requirements apply to grantees and subgrantees under such Act.";

(ii) in subparagraph (G)(i), by striking "tribal" and inserting "Tribal";

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

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

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

(i) by striking "Indian tribe" and inserting "Indian Tribe"; and

(ii) by striking "tribal" and inserting "Tribal"; and

(3) in subsection (d) by inserting "and information on the development and implementation of barrier removal plans to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794)" after "activities,".

SEC. 8. STATE APPLICATION.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "tribally" and inserting "Tribally"; and

(ii) by adding "For purposes of section 2007(c)(3) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, a State's application under this paragraph shall be deemed to be a 'State plan'." at the end; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "assurances" and inserting "certifications"; and

(II) in clause (iii)—

(aa) in subclause (I)—

(AA) by striking "operation of shelters" and inserting "provision of shelter"; and

(BB) by striking "dependents" and inserting "children and dependents"; and

(bb) in subclause (II), by striking "dependents" and inserting "children and dependents";

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking "an assurance" and inserting "a certification";

(iii) in subparagraph (D)—

(I) by striking "an assurance" and inserting "a certification";

(II) by striking "planning and monitoring" and inserting "planning, coordination, and monitoring"; and

(III) by striking "and the administration of the grant programs and projects" and inserting ", the administration of the grant programs and projects, and the establishment of service standards and best practices for grantees";

(iv) in subparagraph (E), by striking "to underserved populations" and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting "for individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups, Tribal populations, and other underserved populations, in the State planning process, and how the State plan addresses the unmet needs of such populations, including a certification and description of how the State or Indian Tribe will disseminate information about the national resource centers authorized under section 310;";

(v) in subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G), by striking "Indian tribe" each place such term appears and inserting "Indian Tribe";

(vi) in subparagraph (G), by striking "tribally" and inserting "Tribally";

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

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

"(H) describe how activities and services provided by the State or Indian Tribe are designed to promote trauma-informed care, autonomy, and privacy for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and their children and dependents, including in the design and delivery of shelter services;";

(ix) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated—

(I) by striking "tribe" and inserting "Tribe";

(II) by striking "an assurance" and inserting "a certification";

(III) by inserting ", remove, or exclude" after "bar"; and

(IV) by striking "and" at the end;

(x) in subparagraph (J), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(xi) by adding at the end the following:

"(K) provide a certification that all funded entities demonstrate the ability to provide services for Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794).."; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "tribe" each place such term appears and inserting "Tribe"; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "Indian tribes" each place such term appears and inserting "Indian Tribes".

SEC. 9. SUBGRANTS AND USES OF FUNDS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "that is designed" and inserting "that are designed"; and

(B) by striking "dependents" and inserting "children and dependents";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "shelter, supportive services, or prevention services" and inserting "shelter or supportive services";

(II) by inserting "or prevention services" after "dependents,"; and

(III) by striking "include—" and inserting "include making material improvements in the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communication, or digital services, as well as—";

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "developing safety plans" and inserting "safety planning";

(iii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting "for racial and ethnic minority groups" before the semicolon;

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

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

"(F) provision of shelter and services to underserved populations;";

(vi) in subparagraph (H), as so redesignated—

(I) in clause (i), by striking "Federal and State" and inserting "Federal, State, and local";

(II) in clause (iii), by striking "mental health, alcohol, and drug abuse treatment), but which shall not include reimbursement for

any health care services" and inserting "mental health and substance use disorder treatment)";

(III) in clause (v), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;

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

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

"(vi) language assistance, including translation of written materials and telephonic and in-person interpreter services, for victims with limited English proficiency, victims who are Deaf or hard of hearing, victims with sensory disabilities (including individuals who are blind or low vision), victims with speech-related disabilities, and victims with other disabilities; and"; and

(VI) in clause (vii), as so redesignated, by striking "and" at the end;

(vii) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(viii) by adding at the end the following:

"(J) partnerships that enhance the design and delivery of services to victims and their children and dependents.";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking "supportive services and prevention services" and inserting "supportive services or prevention services"; and

(ii) by striking "through (H)" and inserting "through (I)";

(C) by striking "dependents" each place such term appears (other than in paragraph (1)(J)) and inserting "children and dependents"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USE OF FUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS TO ACCESSIBILITY.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

"(A) Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities experience domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence at disproportionate rates;

"(B) domestic violence shelters are often not equipped to provide effective services to Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities, which can act as an impediment to victims seeking and receiving services; and

"(C) the Secretary should allow subgrant funds received under this section to be used for making material improvements in the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communication, or digital services.";

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "a local public agency, or"; and

(ii) by striking "tribal organizations, and voluntary associations)," and inserting "Tribal organizations and voluntary associations) or a local public agency"; and

(iii) by striking "dependents" and inserting "children and dependents"; and

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

"(2) an organization whose primary purpose is to provide culturally appropriate services to racial and ethnic minority groups, Tribal communities, or other underserved populations, that does not have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, but that is in partnership with an organization described in paragraph (1)."; and

(4) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED SERVICES.—Participation in services under this title shall be voluntary. Receipt of the benefits of shelter described in subsection (b)(1)(A) shall not be conditioned upon the participation of the adult or youth, or their children or dependents, in any or all of the services offered under this title.".

SEC. 10. GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "42 U.S.C. 14045d" and inserting "34 U.S.C. 20126";

(B) by striking "tribal" and inserting "Tribal";

(C) by striking "Indian tribes" and inserting "Indian Tribes"; and

(D) by striking "section 303(a)(2)(B)" and inserting "section 303 and made available"; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking "Indian tribe" each place such term appears and inserting "Indian Tribe"; and

(B) by striking "tribal organization" each place such term appears and inserting "Tribal organization".

SEC. 11. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "under this title and reserved under section 303(a)(2)(C)" and inserting "under section 303 and made available to carry out this section";

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(I) by striking "7" and inserting "10"; and

(II) by inserting "dating violence, and family violence," after "domestic violence,"; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(iii) an Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, to reduce disparities in the rate of such violence within the Alaska Native population; and"; and

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "grants, to" and inserting "grants to entities that focus on other critical issues, such as";

(ii) in clause (i)—

(I) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence," after "domestic violence";

(II) by striking "(including Alaska Native)"; and

(III) by striking "and" at the end; and

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

"(ii) entities demonstrating expertise related to—

"(I) addressing the housing needs of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence victims and their children and dependents;

"(II) developing leadership and advocacy skills among individuals from underserved populations; or

"(III) addressing other emerging issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence.";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in clause (i)—

(aa) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence" each place such term appears; and

(bb) by inserting "and dependents" after "children"; and

(II) in clause (ii)—

(aa) in the matter preceding subclause (I), by inserting "online" after "central";

(bb) in subclause (I), by striking "family violence and domestic violence" and inserting "domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence"; and

(cc) in subclause (II), by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in clause (i)—

(aa) by striking "tribes and tribal organizations" and inserting "Tribes and Tribal organizations";

(bb) by striking "the tribes" and inserting "the Tribes";

(cc) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence"; and

(dd) by striking "42" and all the follows through "3796gg–10 note" and inserting "34 U.S.C. 10452 note";

(II) in clause (ii)—

(aa) by striking "tribes and tribal organizations" and inserting "Tribes and Tribal organizations"; and

(bb) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence";

(cc) by striking "42" and all that follows through "3796gg–10 note" and inserting "34 U.S.C. 10452 note"; and

(III) in clause (iii)—

(aa) by inserting "dating violence, and family violence," after "domestic violence,"; and

(bb) by inserting "the Office for Victims of Crime and" after "Human Services, and";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "State and local domestic violence service providers" and inserting "support effective policy, practice, research, and cross systems collaboration"; and

(II) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "enhancing domestic violence";

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "to domestic violence"; and

(II) by striking "which may include the response to the use of the self-defense plea by domestic violence victims and the issuance and use of protective orders" and inserting "including the issuance and use of protective orders, batterers' intervention programming, and responses to charged, incarcerated, and re-entering domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence victims";

(iii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence" each place such term appears; and

(II) by striking "dependents" and inserting "children";

(iv) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence" the first place such term appears; and

(II) by inserting ", and the response of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs and other community organizations with respect to health advocacy and addressing the health of victims" before the period;

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

"(D) The response of mental health, substance use disorder treatment and recovery, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and related systems and programs to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and their children and dependents who experience psychological trauma, mental health needs, or substance-use-related needs.";

(vi) in subparagraph (E); by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence" each place such term appears; and

(vii) by adding at the end the following:

"(F) The response of the domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs and related systems to victims who are underserved due to sexual orientation or gender identity, including expanding the capacity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organizations to respond to and prevent domestic violence.

"(G) Strengthening the organizational capacity of State, territorial, and Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence coalitions and of State, territorial, and Tribal administrators who distribute funds under this title to community-based domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs, with the aim of better enabling such coalitions and administrators—

"(i) to collaborate and respond effectively to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

"(ii) to meet the conditions and carry out the provisions of this title; and

"(iii) to implement best practices to meet the emerging needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and their families, children, and dependents.

"(H) The response of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers to victims who are Deaf and victims with disabilities, including expanding the capacity of community-based organizations serving individuals who are Deaf and individuals with disabilities to respond to, and prevent, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.";

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

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

"(3) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CENTER.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall award a grant to an eligible entity for an Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic violence to reduce Tribal disparities, which shall—

"(A) offer a comprehensive array of technical assistance and training resources to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, specifically designed to enhance the capacity of the Tribes and organizations to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and the findings of section 901 and purposes in section 902 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

"(B) coordinate all projects and activities with the national resource center described in paragraph (1)(B), including projects and activities that involve working with non-Tribal State and local governments to enhance their capacity to understand the unique needs of Alaska Natives;

"(C) work with non-Tribal State and local governments and domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers to enhance their capacity to understand the unique needs of Alaska Natives;

"(D) provide comprehensive community education and domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence prevention initiatives in a culturally sensitive and relevant manner; and

"(E) coordinate activities with other Federal agencies, offices, and grantees that address the needs of Alaska Natives that experience domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, including the Office of Justice Services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, and the Office for Victims of Crime and the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice."; and

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

(i) in subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i), by striking "Indian tribes, tribal organizations" each place such term appears and inserting "Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations";

(ii) in subparagraph (A). by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence";

(iii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking "the tribes" and inserting "the Tribes";

(II) in clause (ii), by striking "nontribal" and inserting "non-Tribal"; and

(III) in clause (iii), by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence"; and

(iv) by striking "(including Alaska Natives)" each place such term appears; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence"; and

(II) by striking "or (D)" and inserting "(D), (F), or (G)";

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "dating violence, and family violence," after "domestic violence,"; and

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

"(B) includes individuals with demonstrated experience working in domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs, and, with respect to grantees described in subsection (b)(2)(F), individuals with demonstrated expertise in serving the targeted communities on the board of directors (or advisory committee) and on the staff; and";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence" each place such term appears;

(ii) by striking "tribal organization" each place such term appears and inserting "Tribal organization";

(iii) by striking "Indian tribes" each place such term appears and inserting "Indian Tribes";

(iv) by striking "42" and all that follows through "3796gg–10 note" each place such term appears and inserting "34 U.S.C. 10452 note"; and

(v) by striking "tribally" and inserting "Tribally";

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence" the first place such term appears; and

(II) by inserting ", dating violence, or family violence" after "domestic violence" the second place such term appears; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in clause (i), by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence" ; and

(II) in clause (ii), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;

(III) in clause (iii), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(IV) by adding at the end the following:

"(iv) has a board of directors (or advisory committee) and staff with demonstrated expertise in serving the targeted community.";

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

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

"(4) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (b)(3), an entity shall be a Tribal organization or a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence within Tribes in Alaska that submits information to the Secretary demonstrating—

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

"(B) experience providing Alaska Tribes and Tribal organizations with assistance in developing Tribally based prevention and intervention services addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and safety for Indian women consistent with the purposes of section 902 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

"(C) strong support for the entity's designation as the Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from advocates working with Alaska Tribes to address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and the safety of Alaska Native women;

"(D) a record of demonstrated effectiveness in assisting Alaska Tribes and Tribal organizations with prevention and intervention services addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence; and

"(E) the capacity to serve Tribes across the State of Alaska."; and

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

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "(b)(3)," and inserting "(b)(4),"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking "(including Alaska Natives)"; and

(II) in clause (ii)—

(aa) by striking "Indian tribe, tribal organization" and inserting "Indian Tribe, Tribal organization"; and

(bb) by inserting ", dating violence, and family violence" after "domestic violence".

SEC. 12. GRANTS TO STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.

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

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking "section 303(a)(2)(D)" and inserting "section 303 and made available to carry out this section";

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "shall include";

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting ", and evidence-informed prevention of," after "comprehensive responses to"; and

(ii) by striking "working with local" and inserting "shall include—

"(A) working with local";

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

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

(i) by striking "dependents" and inserting "children and dependents"; and

(ii) by adding "and" after the semicolon; and

(E) by inserting after subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1), as so redesignated, the following:

"(D) collaborating with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations (and corresponding Native Hawaiian groups or communities) to address the needs of Indian (including Alaska Native) and Native Hawaiian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, as applicable in the State; and";

(F) in paragraph (4), by striking "collaborating with and providing" and inserting "may include—

"(A) collaborating with and providing";

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

(H) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated, by striking "health care, mental health" and inserting "health care (including mental health and substance use disorder treatment)";

(I) in paragraph (6), by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(J) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (7) as subparagraphs (B) through (D), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

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

(L) by striking paragraph (8); and

(M) in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2), as so redesignated, by striking "; and" and inserting a period;

(3) by striking subsection (e);

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

(5) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by striking "Indian tribes and tribal organizations" and inserting "Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations".

SEC. 13. GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 311 the following:

"SEC. 311A. GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.

"(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Beginning with fiscal year 2022, out of amounts appropriated under section 303 and made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities in accordance with this section.

"(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalition that is recognized by the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice that provides services to Indian Tribes.

"(c) APPLICATION.—Each Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalition desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. The application submitted by the coalition for the grant shall provide documentation of the coalition's work, demonstrating that the coalition—

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

"(2) has the ability to conduct all activities described in this section, as indicated by—

"(A) a documented experience in administering Federal grants to conduct the activities described in subsection (d); or

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

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

"(1) working with local Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence service programs and providers of direct services to encourage appropriate and comprehensive responses to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence against adults or youth within the Indian Tribes served, including providing training and technical assistance and conducting Tribal needs assessments;

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

"(3) working in collaboration with Tribal service providers and community-based organizations to address the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and their children and dependents;

"(4) collaborating with, and providing information to, entities in such fields as housing, health care (including mental health and substance use disorder treatment), social welfare, education, and law enforcement to support the development and implementation of effective policies;

"(5) supporting the development and implementation of effective policies, protocols, and programs that address the safety and support needs of adult and youth Tribal victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

"(6) encouraging appropriate responses to cases of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence against adults or youth, by working with Tribal, State, and Federal judicial agencies and law enforcement agencies;

"(7) working with Tribal, State, and Federal judicial agencies, including family law judges, criminal court judges, child protective service agencies, and children's advocates to develop appropriate responses to child custody and visitation issues—

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

"(B) in cases in which—

"(i) domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence is present; and

"(ii) child abuse is present;

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

"(9) assisting Indian Tribes' participation in, and attendance of, Federal and State consultations on domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, including consultations mandated by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. 20101 et seq.), or this title; and

"(10) providing shelter or supportive services to Tribal adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and their children and dependents.

"(e) REALLOCATION.—If, at the end of the sixth month of any fiscal year for which sums are appropriated under section 303 and made available to carry out this section, a portion of the available amount has not been awarded to Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalitions for grants under this section because of the failure of such coalitions to meet the requirements for such grants, then the Secretary shall award such portion, in equal shares, to Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalitions that meet such requirements.".

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

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

(1) in the section heading, by striking "**ABUSED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN**" and inserting "**PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**";

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence service programs and community-based programs to prevent future domestic violence by addressing, in an appropriate manner, the needs of children" and inserting "domestic violence, dating violence, family violence, and culturally specific community-based programs to serve children and youth"; and

(ii) by inserting ", and to support the caregiving capacity of adult victims or other caregivers" before the period; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "more than 2" the first place it appears and inserting "less than 3";

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting "or State domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence services" after "local";

(B) by inserting "a culturally specific organization," after "associations),";

(C) by striking "tribal organization" and inserting "Tribal organization";

(D) by inserting "adult and child" after "serving"; and

(E) by striking "and their children"; and

(4) in subsection (c)—

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

"(1) a description of how the entity will prioritize the safety of, and confidentiality of information about adult and child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;";

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate services, and culturally and linguistically appropriate services, to the victims and children; and" and inserting "trauma-informed and age, gender, developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate services to children and youth, and their caregivers;";

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking "appropriate and relevant to the unique needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence." and inserting "relevant to the unique needs of children and youth exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, including children and youth with disabilities and children from underserved populations, and address the parent's or caregiver's ongoing caregiving capacity; and"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) a description of prevention activities targeting child and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.";

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "community-based program described in subsection (a)" and inserting "culturally specific, community-based program";

(B) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(i) by striking "victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their children" and inserting "child and adult victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including children and youth with disabilities and children and youth from underserved populations"; and

(ii) by inserting "or the health system" before the semicolon; and

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "mental" and inserting "behavioral";

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "community-based organizations serving victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence or children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence" and inserting "health, education, or other community-based organizations serving adult and child victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting "health," after "transportation,"; and

(6) in subsection (e)—

(A) by inserting "shall participate in an evaluation and" after "under this section"; and

(B) by striking "contain an evaluation of" and inserting "information on".

SEC. 15. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "telephone" and inserting "telephonic and digital services";

(B) by striking "a hotline that provides" and inserting "a hotline and digital services that provide"; and

(C) by inserting before the period at the end of the second sentence the following: ", and who provide information about healthy relationships for adults and youth";

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting "and digital services" after "hotline";

(ii) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking "hotline personnel" each place such term appears and inserting "advocacy personnel";

(iii) in subparagraph (A), by striking "are able to effectively operate any technological systems used by the hotline" and inserting "or digital services are able to effectively operate any technological systems used by the hotline or provide any digital services, as applicable";

(iv) in subparagraphs (D), (E), and (F), by inserting "and digital services" after "hotline" each place such term appears;

(v) in subparagraph (F), by striking "persons with hearing impairments" and inserting "individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, those with speech-related disabilities, those with sensory disabilities (including those who are blind or low vision), and individuals with other disabilities, including training for hotline personnel to support such access"; and

(vi) in subparagraph (G), by striking "teen dating violence hotline" and inserting "youth dating violence hotline and other digital services and resources";

(B) in paragraph (4), by inserting ", digital services," after "hotline";

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

"(5) demonstrate the ability to—

"(A) provide information and referrals for individuals contacting the hotline via telephonic or digital services;

"(B) directly connect callers or assist digital services users in connecting to service providers; and

"(C) employ crisis interventions meeting the standards of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence providers;";

(D) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through (8) as paragraphs (7) through (9), respectively; and

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

"(6) demonstrate the ability to provide information about healthy relationships for adults and youth;";

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) in the heading, by inserting "AND DIGITAL SERVICES" after "HOTLINE";

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "telephone hotline" and inserting "telephonic hotline and digital services"; and

(ii) by striking "assistance to adult" and inserting "for the benefit of adult"; and

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "and an internet service provider for the use of operating digital services" before the semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking ", provide counseling and referral services for callers on a 24-hour-a-day basis, and directly connect callers" and inserting "and digital services contracts, provide counseling, health relationship information, and referral services for callers and digital services users, on a 24-hour-a-day basis, and directly connect callers and digital services users";

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting "or digital services users" after "callers";

(iv) in subparagraph (D), by inserting "and digital services" after "hotline";

(v) in subparagraph (E), by striking "underserved populations" and inserting "racial and ethnic minority groups, Tribal and underserved populations,"; and

(vi) in subparagraph (F), by striking "teen dating violence hotline" and inserting "hotline or digital services"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(g) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this section.".

SEC. 16. NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to increase the availability of information and assistance to Indian adult or youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family and household members of such victim, and individuals affected by such victimization by supporting a national, toll-free telephonic and digital hotline to provide services that are—

(1) informed of Federal Indian law and Tribal laws impacting Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

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

(3) developed in cooperation with victim services offered by Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 313 the following:

"SEC. 313A. NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.

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

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

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

"(d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal organization or a nonprofit private organization that focuses pri-

marily on issues of domestic violence as it relates to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and submit an application to the Secretary that shall—

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

"(2) include a complete description of the applicant's plan for the operation of a national Indian domestic violence hotline and digital services, including descriptions of—

"(A) the training program for advocacy personnel relating to the provision of culturally appropriate and legally accurate services, information, resources and referrals for Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

"(B) the training program for advocacy personnel, relating to technology requirements to ensure that all persons affiliated with the hotline and digital services are able to effectively operate any technological systems required to provide the necessary services used by the hotline;

"(C) the qualifications of the applicant and the hiring criteria and qualifications for advocacy personnel, to ensure that hotline advocates and other personnel have demonstrated knowledge of Indian legal, social, and cultural issues, to ensure that the unique needs of Indian callers and users of digital services are met;

"(D) the methods for the creation, maintenance, and updating of a resource database of culturally appropriate victim services and resources available from Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations;

"(E) a plan for publicizing the availability of the services from the national Indian hotline to Indian victims of domestic violence and dating violence;

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

"(G) a plan for facilitating access to the hotline and digital services by individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, individuals with speech-related disabilities, individuals with sensory disabilities (including those who are blind or low vision), and other individuals with disabilities, including training for hotline personnel to support such access; and

"(H) a plan for providing assistance and referrals to Indian youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and for victims of dating violence who are minors, which may be carried out through a national Indian youth dating violence hotline, digital services, or other resources;

"(3) demonstrate recognized expertise providing services, including information on healthy relationships and referrals for Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and coordinating services with Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations;

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

"(5) demonstrate capacity and the expertise to maintain a domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence hotline, digital services and a comprehensive database of service providers from Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations;

"(6) demonstrate compliance with nondisclosure requirements as described in section 306(c)(5) and following comprehensive quality assurance practices; and

"(7) contain such other information as the Secretary may require.

"(e) INDIAN HOTLINE ACTIVITIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a grant under this section shall use funds made available through the grant for the purpose described in subsection (a), consistent with paragraph (2).

"(2) ACTIVITIES.—In establishing and operating the hotline, the entity—

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

"(B) shall employ, train (including providing technology training), and supervise personnel to answer incoming calls and digital services contacts, provide counseling, healthy relationship and referral services for Indian callers and digital services users, directly connect callers, and assist digital services users in connecting to service providers;

"(C) shall assemble and maintain a database of information relating to services for Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to which Indian callers or digital services users may be referred, including information on the availability of shelters and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

"(D) shall widely publicize the hotline and digital services throughout Indian Tribes and communities, including to—

"(i) national and regional member organizations of Indian Tribes;

"(ii) Tribal domestic violence services programs; and

"(iii) Tribal non-profit victim service providers;

"(E) at the discretion of the hotline operator, may provide appropriate assistance and referrals for family and household members of Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and Indians affected by the victimization described in subsection (a); and

"(F) at the discretion of the hotline operator, may provide assistance, or referrals for counseling or intervention, for identified Indian perpetrators, including self-identified perpetrators, of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, but shall not be required to provide such assistance or referrals in any circumstance in which the hotline operator fears the safety of a victim may be impacted by an abuser or suspected abuser.

"(f) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—The entity receiving a grant under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

"(g) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this section.".

SEC. 17. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP.

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

"SEC. 314. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP.

"(a) PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF GRANTS.—

"(1) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this section are—

"(A) to continue efforts to build evidence about effective primary and secondary prevention practices, programs, and policies that reduce and end family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

"(B) to build capacity at the State, Tribal, territorial, and local levels to meet the objectives described in subparagraph (A); and

"(C) to advance primary and secondary prevention efforts related to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence nationally.

"(2) DESCRIPTION OF GRANTS.—From the amounts appropriated under this section, the Secretary shall—

"(A) acting through the Division of Violence Prevention of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in consultation with the Director of the Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services of the Administration for Children and Families—

"(i) provide core grants under subsection (b)(1) to support primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence; and

"(ii) enter into cooperative agreements under subsection (b)(2) with State, territorial, and Tribal domestic violence coalitions that are in partnerships with entities carrying out local and culturally specific programs, to test, evaluate, or, as appropriate, scale up innovative domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence primary and secondary prevention models, particularly those programs serving culturally specific or traditionally underserved populations; and

"(B) acting through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program of the Administration for Children and Families, award grants under subsection (c) to enhance the capacity of communities and systems to engage in effective primary and secondary prevention efforts.

"(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of the amounts appropriated under this section for a fiscal year the Secretary may use—

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

"(B) not more than 3 percent of the amounts for each fiscal year for technical assistance under this section.

"(b) GRANTS TO STATE, TERRITORIAL, AND TRIBAL COALITIONS.—

"(1) GRANTS TO BUILD PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION CAPACITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—

"(A) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall provide a core grant for each eligible State, territorial, and Tribal coalition. The Secretary shall provide such a grant to build organizational capacity and leadership for primary and sec-

ondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, including work with other systems central to primary and secondary prevention at the local, State, territorial, and Tribal levels.

"(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this paragraph, a State, territorial, or Tribal coalition shall be a State domestic violence coalition, territorial domestic violence coalition, or Tribal domestic violence coalition, respectively, that has not entered into a cooperative agreement under section 314 of this title (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021) or under paragraph (2).

"(C) APPLICATION.—Each coalition seeking a grant under this paragraph shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. The application submitted by the coalition for the grant shall provide documentation of the coalition's primary prevention work, satisfactory to the Secretary, demonstrating that the coalition—

"(i) meets all of the applicable requirements of this paragraph; and

"(ii) demonstrates the ability to conduct appropriately the primary and secondary prevention activities described in this paragraph.

"(D) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary shall allot an equal share to each qualified entity receiving funds under section 311 or section 311A to carry out evidence-informed prevention activities.

"(E) USE OF FUNDS.—A coalition that receives a grant under this paragraph—

"(i) shall use the grant funds to—

"(I) build the coalition's organizational capacity and enhance its State or Tribal leadership to advance evidence-informed primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

"(II) provide primary and secondary prevention-focused training, technical assistance, peer learning opportunities, and other support to local domestic violence programs and other community-based and culturally specific programs working to address domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

"(III) provide training and advocacy to other State, Tribal, and local public and private systems on how to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and help victims, including through health services, early childhood programs, economic support programs, schools, child welfare, workforce development, community-based programs primarily serving racial and ethnic minority groups, community-based programs serving Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities, community-based programs primarily serving other underserved populations, faith-based programs, and youth programs; and

"(IV) support dissemination of primary and secondary prevention strategies and approaches throughout the State, territorial, or Tribal communities; and

"(ii) may use the grant funds to provide subgrants to local programs to support the dissemination of primary and secondary prevention programs or initiatives.

"(F) REPORTS.—Each coalition receiving a grant under this paragraph shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as the Secretary requires. Such report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds and the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may require.

"(G) FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary may use a portion of the funds provided under this paragraph to provide primary and secondary prevention-focused training, technical assistance, and other support to coalitions described in subparagraph (B) or State or local entities that are in partnerships with such coalitions.

"(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION STRATEGIES.—

"(A) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements with qualified State, territorial, and Tribal domestic violence coalitions that are in partnerships with entities carrying out local and culturally specific programs, to test, evaluate, or, as appropriate, scale up innovative domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence primary and secondary preven-

tion strategies and models, particularly those serving culturally specific or traditionally underserved populations.

"(B) QUALIFICATION.—To be qualified to enter into a cooperative agreement under subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii), an organization shall be a State, territorial, or Tribal domestic violence coalition and include representatives of pertinent sectors of the local community, which may include—

"(i) health care providers and Tribal, State, or local health departments;

"(ii) the education community;

"(iii) a faith-based community;

"(iv) the juvenile justice system;

"(v) domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service program advocates;

"(vi) public human service entities;

"(vii) business and civic leaders;

"(viii) child and youth-serving organizations;

"(ix) community-based organizations whose primary purpose is to provide culturally appropriate services to underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minority communities; and

"(x) other pertinent sectors.

"(C) TERM.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph for a period of not more than 5 fiscal years.

"(D) CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT.—The provision of payments under a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall be subject to—

"(i) annual approval by the Secretary; and

"(ii) the availability of appropriations for each fiscal year to make the payments.

"(E) APPLICATIONS.—An organization that desires to enter into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall submit to the Secretary an application, in such form and in such manner as the Secretary shall require, that—

"(i) identifies models and strategies to be tested and partner organizations who will be implementing programs to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

"(ii) demonstrates that the applicant has developed effective and collaborative relationships with diverse communities, including with organizations primarily serving racial and ethnic minority populations or other underserved populations;

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

"(iv) includes a description of the expected outcomes from the primary and secondary prevention activities and how the strategy is expected to achieve those outcomes;

"(v) describes the method to be used for identification and selection of project staff and a project evaluator;

"(vi) describes the method to be used for identification and selection of a project council consisting of representatives of the community sectors listed in subparagraph (B);

"(vii) demonstrates that the applicant has the capacity to carry out collaborative community initiatives to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

"(viii) describes the applicant's plans to evaluate the models and strategies it intends to implement, including demonstrating that the methods selected are rigorous;

"(ix) describes the applicant's existing capacity to collect and analyze data to monitor performance and support evaluation and other evidence-building activities or how they will use the grant to develop such capacity; and

"(x) contains such other information, agreements, and assurances as the Secretary may require.

"(F) GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements under this paragraph with organizations in States, territories, and Tribes geographically dispersed throughout the Nation.

"(G) USE OF FUNDS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—An organization that enters into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall use the funds made available through the agreement to establish, operate, and maintain implementation and evaluation of coordinated community response to reduce risk factors for domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence per-

petration and enhance protective factors to promote positive development and healthy relationships and communities.

"(ii) EVALUATION, MONITORING, ADMINISTRATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may use a portion of the funds provided under this paragraph for evaluation, monitoring, administration, and technical assistance described in subsection (a)(3) with respect to the prevention projects.

"(H) REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing and operating a project under this paragraph, an organization shall—

"(i) utilize evidence-informed primary and secondary prevention project planning;

"(ii) recognize and address the needs of underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minority groups, and individuals with disabilities;

"(iii) use not less than 30 percent or more than 50 percent of awarded funds to subcontract with local domestic violence programs or other community-based programs to develop and implement such projects;

"(iv) in the case of a new grantee, use the funds for up to 1 year for planning and capacity building without subcontracting as described in clause (iii); and

"(v) use up to 8 percent of the funds awarded under this paragraph to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Secretary and peer-to-peer technical assistance from other grantees under this paragraph.

"(I) REPORTS.—Each organization entering into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report shall describe activities that have been carried out with the funds made available through the agreement and the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require. The Secretary shall make the evaluations received under this subparagraph publicly available on the Department of Health and Human Services internet website, and shall submit such reports to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

"(c) GRANTS TO EXPAND COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION.—

"(1) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a grant program to expand the capacity of communities and systems to engage in effective primary and secondary prevention efforts.

"(2) GRANTS.—The Secretary may award grants to eligible entities through the program established under paragraph (1) for periods of not more than 4 years. If the Secretary determines that an entity has received such a grant and been successful in meeting the objectives of the grant application so submitted, the Secretary may renew the grant for 1 additional period of not more than 4 years.

"(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall—

"(A) be a private nonprofit, nongovernmental organization (which may include faith-based and charitable organizations) or a Tribal organization that is—

"(i) a community-based organization whose primary purpose is providing culturally specific services to racial and ethnic minority groups or other underserved populations; or

"(ii) a community-based organization with a program focused on serving youth or serving children and their parents or caregivers; and

"(B) have a demonstrated record of serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, or demonstrate a partnership with another organization that has such a record.

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

"(A) a description of how the entity will develop, expand, or replicate evidence-informed primary and secondary prevention strategies and approaches in their communities, including culturally and linguistically appropriate primary and secondary prevention programming;

"(B) documents that the entity meets all of the applicable requirements set forth in this subsection; and

"(C) demonstrates the ability to conduct appropriately the primary and secondary prevention activities described in this section.

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

"(A) build their organizational capacity and enhance their leadership of the organization within the community to promote community engagement in and advancement of evidence-informed primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

"(B) promote strategic primary and secondary prevention partnership development, including between any of domestic violence programs and health programs, early childhood programs, economic support programs, schools, child welfare programs, workforce development, culturally specific community-based organizations, faith-based programs, community-based organizations serving Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities, and youth programs;

"(C) support dissemination of primary and secondary prevention strategies and approaches to States, territories, Tribal organizations, and Tribes; and

"(D) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded under this subsection to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Secretary, from peer-to-peer technical assistance from other grantees under this section, or from both.

"(6) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—The Secretary may use a portion of the funds provided under this subsection for evaluation, monitoring, administration, and technical assistance with respect to the prevention projects.

"(7) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.".

SEC. 18. ADDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS.

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

"SEC. 315. GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.

"(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to provide grants to assist communities in mobilizing and organizing resources in support of effective and sustainable programs that will prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence experienced by underserved populations.

"(b) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services, shall award capacity building, implementation, and evaluation grants to eligible entities to assist in developing, implementing, and evaluating culturally and linguistically appropriate, community-driven strategies to prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in underserved populations.

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

"(1) with respect to the programs under subsections (d) and (e), be—

"(A) a population specific organization that has demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population specific services in the relevant underserved communities, or a population specific organization working in partnership with a victim service provider or domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or

"(B) a victim service provider offering population-specific services for a specific underserved population; or

"(2) with respect to the program under subsection (f), be an eligible entity described in paragraph (1) that is working in collaboration with an entity specializing in evaluation with documented experience working with targeted underserved populations;

"(d) CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to support the capacity building, planning, and development of programs for underserved communities that utilize community-driven intervention and prevention strategies that address the barriers to domestic violence services, raise awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and promote community engagement in the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in targeted underserved populations. Such grants may be used to—

"(A)(i) expand the collaboration with community partners who can provide appropriate assistance to the targeted underserved populations that are represented by the eligible entity through the identification of additional partners, particularly among targeted underserved communities; and

"(ii) establish linkages with national, State, Tribal, or local public and private partners, which may include community health workers, advocacy organizations, and policy organizations;

"(B) establish community working groups;

"(C) conduct a needs assessment of targeted underserved populations to determine the barriers to access and factors contributing to such barriers, using input from targeted underserved communities;

"(D) participate in training and technical assistance sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention and Services program for program development, implementation, evaluation, and other programmatic issues;

"(E) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded under this subsection to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Family Violence Prevention and Services program;

"(F) identify promising intervention and prevention strategies;

"(G) develop a plan with the input of targeted underserved communities that includes strategies for—

"(i) implementing intervention and prevention strategies that have the greatest potential for addressing the barriers to accessing services, raising awareness of domestic violence, and promoting community engagement in the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence within targeted underserved populations;

"(ii) identifying other sources of revenue and integrating current and proposed funding sources to ensure long-term sustainability of the program; and

"(iii) conducting performance measurement processes, including collecting data and measuring progress toward addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence or raising awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in targeted underserved populations; and

"(H) conduct an evaluation of the planning and development activities.

"(2) DURATION.—The period during which payments may be made under a grant under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 4 years, except where the Secretary determines that extraordinary circumstances exist.

"(e) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities that have received a planning grant under subsection (d) or who already have demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population specific services in the relevant underserved communities to enable such entities to—

"(A) implement a plan including intervention services or prevention strategies to address the identified barrier or awareness issue or initiate the community engagement strategy for targeted underserved populations, in an effective and timely manner;

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

"(C) analyze data consistent with the evaluation design, including collaborating with academic or other appropriate institutions for such analysis;

"(D) participate in training for the purpose of informing and educating other entities regarding the experiences and lessons learned from the project;

"(E) collaborate with appropriate partners to disseminate information gained from the project for the benefit of other domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs;

"(F) establish mechanisms with other public or private groups to maintain financial support for the program after the grant terminates;

"(G) develop policy initiatives for systems change to address the barriers or awareness issue;

"(H) develop and implement community engagement strategies;

"(I) maintain relationships with local partners and continue to develop new relationships with national and State partners; and

"(J) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded under this subsection to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Family Violence Prevention and Services program.

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

"(f) EVALUATION GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants to eligible entities that have received an implementation grant under subsection (e) and that require additional assistance for the purpose of executing the proposed evaluation design, including developing the design, collecting and analyzing data (including process and outcome measures), and disseminating findings.

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

"(A) entities that in previous funding cycles—

"(i) have received a grant under subsection (d); or

"(ii) established population specific organizations that have demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population-specific services in the relevant underserved communities programs; and

"(B) entities that incorporate best practices or build on successful models in their action plan, including the use of community advocates.

"(3) DURATION.—The period during which payments may be made under a grant under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 4 years, except where the Secretary determines that extraordinary circumstances exist.

"(g) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds provided under this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide services and activities that promote the purposes of this title.

"(h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—

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

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

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

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

"(3) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity receiving funds under this section shall file a performance report at such times as requested by the Secretary describing the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds and providing such additional information as the Secretary may require.

"(i) ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS.—The Secretary shall make every effort to minimize duplicative or unnecessary administrative burdens on the grantees.

"SEC. 316. GRANTS TO ENHANCE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY POPULATIONS.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a grant program to establish or enhance culturally specific services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from racial and ethnic minority populations.

"(b) PURPOSES.—

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

"(A) develop and support innovative culturally specific community-based programs to enhance access to shelter services or supportive services to further the purposes of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence intervention and prevention for all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from racial and ethnic minority populations who face obstacles to using more traditional services and resources;

"(B) strengthen the capacity and further the leadership development of individuals in racial and ethnic minority populations to address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in their communities; and

"(C) promote strategic partnership development and collaboration, including with health systems, early childhood programs, economic support programs, schools, child welfare, workforce development, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs, other community-based programs, community-based organizations serving individuals with disabilities, faith-based programs, and youth programs, in order to further a public health approach to addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

"(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to programs based in the targeted community to establish or enhance domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence intervention and prevention efforts that ad-

dress distinctive culturally specific responses to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in racial and ethnic minority populations.

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

"(C) COMPETITIVE BASIS.—The Secretary shall ensure that grants are awarded, to the extent practical, only on a competitive basis, and that a grant is awarded for a proposal only if the proposal has been recommended for such an award through a process of peer review.

"(D) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Up to 5 percent of funds appropriated under this section for a fiscal year shall be available for technical assistance to be used by the grantees to access training and technical assistance from organizations that have entered into a cooperative agreement with the Director to provide training and technical assistance regarding the provision of effective culturally specific, community-based services for racial and ethnic minority populations.

"(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with organizations having a demonstrated expertise in and whose primary purpose is addressing the development and provision of culturally specific, accessible, community-based services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from the targeted populations to provide training and technical assistance for grantees.

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

"(1) be a private nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that is—

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

"(B) a community-based organization whose primary purpose is providing culturally specific services to individuals from racial and ethnic minority populations that can partner with an organization having demonstrated expertise in serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence; and

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

"(d) CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS OF SERVICES.—The Secretary shall ensure that information and services provided pursuant to this section are provided in the language, educational, and cultural context that is most appropriate for the individuals for whom the information and services are intended, and that information is made available in accessible formats as appropriate.

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

"(f) NONEXCLUSIVITY.—Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to exclude linguistically and culturally specific community-based entities from applying for other sources of funding available under this title.

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

"(h) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this section.

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

SEC. 19. ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY AMONG SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study and issue a report that includes—

(1) a review of what is known about the number of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in the United States;

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

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

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

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

(6) a review of challenges that could affect program utilization by the population of survivors described in paragraph (1); and

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

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The purpose of H.R. 2119, the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021,* is to reauthorize and improve the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Act* (FVPSA)[1] to more effectively prevent domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) most recent National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, one in four women and one in ten men experience contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner and reported an intimate partner violence-related event during their lifetime.[2] Yet, according to the annual survey from the National Network to End Domestic Violence, in just one day in 2020, domestic violence programs were unable to meet 11,047 requests from survivors of domestic violence for shelter and/or supportive services, an increase of almost 2,000 requests, almost 18 percent, in just two years.[3]

FVPSA authorizes programs and provides federal funding for both the prevention of and response to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, including the provision of shelter and supportive services. H.R. 2119 will improve FVPSA by increasing authorization levels to better address unmet needs, increasing dedicated resources for over-represented and underserved populations, and shifting investment to increase prevention.

COMMITTEE ACTION

116TH CONGRESS

On November 12, 2019, Representative Lucy McBath (D–GA–6) along with Representatives Tom Cole (R–OK–4), Gwen Moore (D–WI–4), and John Katko (R–NY–24), introduced H.R. 5041, the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act*. The bill would have reauthorized FVPSA for five years and included several enhancements to FVPSA.

On January 28, 2020, the Committee on Education and Labor's (Committee) Subcommittee on Workforce Protections and Sub-

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[1] Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, Pub. L. No. 98–457, § 301, 98 Stat. 1757 (1984) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 10401).

[2] Sharon G. Smith et al., Ctrs. for Disease Control and Prevention, *National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2015 Data Brief—Updated Release* 7 (2018), https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/2015data-brief508.pdf.

[3] Nat'l Network to End Domestic Violence, *15th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report* 1 (2021), https://nnedv.org/resources-library/15th-annual-domestic-violence-counts-report-full-report/.

committee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a joint hearing titled "Expecting More: Addressing America's Maternal and Infant Health Crisis." The purpose of the hearing was to discuss the maternal and infant health crisis in the United States and potential legislative solutions to address it, including reauthorizing FVPSA. The Joint Subcommittee heard testimony relevant to H.R. 5041 from Dr. Joia Crear-Perry, President, National Birth Equity Collaborative and Board Member, Black Mamas Matter Alliance.

117TH CONGRESS

On March 22, 2021, the Committee's Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing titled "Ending the Cycle: Examining Ways to Prevent Domestic Violence and Promote Healthy Communities" (March 22nd Hearing). The purpose of the hearing was to discuss issues relevant to H.R. 2119, including the increasing prevalence of and the grave threat posed by intimate partner violence to many Americans, the urgent need to fully fund programs providing services to survivors, and how the COVID–19 pandemic has exacerbated this crisis. The Subcommittee heard testimony from Vanessa Timmons, Executive Director, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Portland, Oregon; Wendy Schlater, Vice Chairwoman, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, Pauma Valley, California; Ami Novoryta, Chief Program Officer, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; and Dr. Elizabeth Miller, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On March 23, 2021, Representative McBath, along with Representatives Don Young (R–AK–At Large), Moore, and Katko, introduced H.R. 2119, the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021*. The bill reauthorizes FVPSA for five years and includes several enhancements to FVPSA.

On July 15, 2021, the Committee met for a full committee markup of H.R. 2119. The Committee adopted an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) offered by Representative McBath. The ANS incorporated the provisions of H.R. 2119, as introduced, with the following modifications:

- Adds a severability clause;
- Expands on the term "domestic violence" to include more encompassing references to "dating violence" and "family violence";
- Adds definitions for the terms "economic abuse" and "technological abuse";
- Updates the definition of "dating partner";
- Adds a definition for the term "youth" in alignment with the definition in the *Violence Against Women Act* (34 USC 12291(a)(45));
- Eliminates the intermediate funding formula that applies before appropriations reach $185 million and removes the funding trigger so that the bill's funding formula will apply immediately;
- Increases the total authorization of discretionary funds to $270 million annually;

• Adds a separate authorization for research and evaluation activities at $3.5 million annually;

• Updates the authorized funding level for the National Domestic Violence Hotline to $14 million annually to align with current appropriations;

• Provides authority to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to grant flexibilities and waivers to grantees and subgrantees as necessary to continue operation of programs in the event of a major disaster or emergency;

• Clarifies nondiscrimination protections include nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity;

• Adds a requirement for grantees to include information regarding their development and implementation of barrier removal plans to ensure compliance with the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990* (ADA) and section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* (Section 504) in their annual performance reports to the Secretary of HHS;[4]

• Adds a requirement that state and Indian Tribe applications include a certification and description of how the state or tribe will disseminate information about the national resource centers;

• Adds a requirement that state and Indian Tribe applications include a certification that subgrantees demonstrate their ability to provide services for Deaf people and people with disabilities in compliance with the ADA and Section 504;

• Adds an allowable use of funds for making material improvements to the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communications, or digital services;

• Strikes the provision in the bill that prohibited funds from being used for case management thus retaining case management as an eligible funding use in the underlying statute;

• Replaces the term "alcohol and drug abuse" with "substance use disorder";

• Clarifies that language assistance may be provided to individuals with speech-related disabilities and other disabilities (in addition to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing);

• Adds a Sense of Congress regarding the use of funds for making material improvements in the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communication, or digital services;

• Authorizes and requires the Secretary of HHS to fund a new resource center on disability and domestic violence;

• Adds a requirement for the Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center to work with non-tribal State and local governments and domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers to enhance their capacity to understand the unique needs of Alaska Natives;

• Clarifies that grantees operating resource centers for underserved populations and for racial and ethnic minority populations must have staff members or members of their board or

[4] The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101–336, 104 Stat. 327 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 12101); The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93–112, § 504, 87 Stat. 355 (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. § 794).

advisory committee with experience working with the targeted community;

• Clarifies that mental health and substance use disorder treatment are components of health care (rather than separate services);

• Adds education to the fields with which tribal coalitions may collaborate on the development of effective policies for domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence prevention, and response;

• Authorizes the direct provision of shelter and supportive services to domestic violence victims by tribal coalitions;

• Clarifies that grants for specialized services for children and their parents who have been exposed to domestic violence (under section 14) can support caregivers (not just parents) who have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, or who are caring for children whose parents have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

• Clarifies that grants specialized services for children and their parents who have been exposed to domestic violence (under section 14) shall include services to youth as well as children, and to children and youth with disabilities and from underserved populations;

• Strikes the provision in the bill that eliminated the requirement in the underlying statute that the National Domestic Violence Hotline be toll-free;

• Clarifies that the National Domestic Violence Hotline grantee must have a plan for serving persons who are Deaf or hard of hearing and those with speech-related disabilities and other disabilities, including training for hotline personnel;

• Allows up to four percent of grant funds for the National Domestic Violence Hotline to be used by the Secretary of HHS for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs;

• Strikes the findings in the National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline grant provision;

• Clarifies that the National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline shall be 24-hour;

• Clarifies that the National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline grantee must have a plan for serving persons who are Deaf or hard of hearing and those with speech-related disabilities and other disabilities, including training for hotline personnel;

• Allows up to four percent of grant funds for the National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline to be used by the Secretary of HHS for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs;

• Allows the Secretary of HHS to use up to seven percent of funds for Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership (DELTA) grants for technical assistance, evaluation, and monitoring;

• Adds a requirement for state and tribal coalitions implementing prevention grants to include evaluation plans and descriptions of their capacity to collect and analyze performance and evaluation data as part of their applications;

- Adds community-based programs serving people with disabilities to the list of entities with whom community-based prevention grantees should promote strategic prevention partnership development;
- Adds community-based programs serving people with disabilities to the list of entities with whom state or tribal coalitions should collaborate and to whom they should provide training using their prevention grants;
- Allows the Secretary of HHS to use a portion of the funds for community-based prevention grants to fund technical assistance, evaluation, and monitoring;
- Includes an authorization of implementation funding for grantees serving underserved populations (under section 315) to design and implement a plan to evaluate the program;
- Adds community-based programs serving people with disabilities to the list of entities with whom culturally specific services grantees (under section 316) should promote strategic partnership development and collaboration;
- Clarifies that the organizations the Secretary of HHS shall partner with to provide technical assistance to culturally specific grantees (under section 316) should have experience developing accessible services to domestic violence survivors;
- Clarifies that culturally specific grantees (under section 316) should have a board of directors and staff with demonstrated experience in serving racial and ethnic minority populations;
- Clarifies that culturally specific grantees (under section 316) must provide information in accessible formats, as appropriate;
- Allows the Secretary of HHS to use up to four percent of funds for culturally specific grants (under section 316) for administration, evaluation, and monitoring;
- Clarifies that grantees (under section 316) for culturally specific services may not deny services to any survivor on the basis of race or ethnicity; and
- Adds a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on federal support for the financial stability of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

Four amendments to the ANS were offered:

- Representative Julia Letlow (R–LA–5) offered a substitute amendment to reauthorize FVPSA for five years; increase formula grant programs to $270 million per year; require HHS to provide notice to Congress prior to making grants for new resource centers; and prohibit FVPSA funds from being used for abortion services. This amendment omits the programmatic improvements included in H.R. 2119. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 19 Yeas and 27 Nays.
- Chairman Bobby Scott (D–VA–3) offered an amendment to replace the language regarding Secretarial authority during an emergency designated period with language that more specifically clarifies the limited nature of the Secretary's emergency authority. The amendment was adopted by voice vote.
- Representative Mary Miller (R–IL–15) offered an amendment to maintain the prohibition on reimbursement for health care services in the underlying law and to prohibit funds under

the Act from being used for abortion services (including referrals). The amendment was defeated by a vote of 20 Yeas and 26 Nays.

• Representative Michelle Steel (R–CA–48) offered an amendment to maintain the requirement in current law for 70 percent of subgrant funds to be used for shelter and supportive services. The amendment was adopted by voice vote.

H.R. 2119 was reported favorably, as amended, to the House of Representatives by a vote of 26 Yeas and 20 Nays.

COMMITTEE VIEWS

INTRODUCTION

Intimate partner violence is a significant public health concern and is associated with numerous adverse health outcomes. According to the most recent report by CDC, in 2015, one in four women and one in ten men experienced and reported contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during her/his lifetime.[5] Intimate partner violence (IPV) is associated with adverse health conditions related to the heart, digestive system, reproductive system, muscle and bones, and nervous systems, as well as behavioral health conditions, including depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, binge drinking, smoking, and sexual risk behaviors.[6] Some reports have shown that over half of female homicide victims in the U.S. were killed by a former or current male intimate partner.[7] The devastating impact of IPV also impacts the country as a whole. A 2018 study estimated that IPV costs the U.S. economy nearly $3.6 trillion over victims' lifetimes, including $1.3 trillion in government spending.[8]

The COVID–19 pandemic has further increased the risk of IPV while also disrupting the already-insufficient services that offer protection and support to survivors. Researchers have documented increases in both the prevalence and severity of IPV during times of emergency or disaster.[9] Early in the COVID–19 pandemic, data showed that rates of physical intimate partner violence and sexual assault had increased.[10] Several news outlets as well as researchers have documented a troubling rise in the number of calls and texts to domestic abuse hotlines.[11] The National Domestic Violence

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[5] Smith et al., *supra* note 2.

[6] Ctrs. for Disease Control and Prevention, *Preventing Intimate Partner Violence* 2 (2019), https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv-factsheet508.pdf.

[7] Emiko Petrosky et al., *Racial and Ethnic Differences in Homicides of Adult Women and the Role of Intimate Partner Violence—United States, 2003–2014,* 66 Morbidity and Mortality Wkly. Rep. 741 (2017), https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6628a1.htm.

[8] Cora Peterson et al., *Lifetime Economic Burden of Intimate Partner Violence Among U.S. Adults,* 55 Am. J. of Prev. Med. 433 (2018).

[9] Jennifer M. First et al., *Intimate Partner Violence and Disasters: A Framework for Empowering Women Experiencing Violence in Disaster Settings,* 32 J. of Women and Soc. Work 390 (2017).

[10] Babina Gosangi et al., *Exacerbation of Physical Intimate Partner Violence during COVID–19 Pandemic,* 298 Radiology E38, E40–E42 (2021).

[11] *See, e.g.,* Paige Winfield Cunningham, *The Health 202: Texts to Federal Government Mental Health Hotline Up Roughly 1,000 Percent,* Wash. Post: PowerPost (May 4, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-health-202/2020/05/04/the-health-202-texts-to-federal-government-mental-health-hotline-up-roughly-1–000-percent/5eaae16c602ff15fb0021568/; Julie Bosman, *Domestic Violence Calls Mount as Restrictions Linger: 'No One Can Leave',* N.Y. Times (May 15, 2020), https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/15/us/domestic-violence-coronavirus.html; Stuart Wolpert, *Study of 2 Cities Shows Domestic Violence Reports on the Rise as COVID–19 Keeps People Home,* UCLA Newsroom (May 27, 2020), https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/domestic-violence-calls-increasing-covid19.

Hotline, which is funded under FVPSA,[12] experienced a nine percent increase in calls between March and May of 2020.[13] On the other end of the spectrum and equally troubling, early in the pandemic, some areas of the country reported a decrease in IPV hotline calls, which experts believe was likely due to new barriers victims faced to obtaining help, such as stay-at-home orders, that in some cases required them to stay in the same space as their abusers.[14] In addition to facing increased need, IPV service providers have had to navigate new barriers to service provision during the pandemic as shelters have had to accommodate physical distancing and other public health safety measures.[15]

FVPSA programs represent a core pillar of the federal government's efforts to address and prevent intimate partner violence. FVPSA authorizes services for IPV survivors (including shelter); a national IPV hotline (including a tribal hotline); and a prevention initiative, DELTA, which is administered by CDC. The hotline and survivor services are administered through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at HHS. Congress must modernize and adequately fund these key programs. H.R. 2119 is supported by dozens of national and local organizations, including: National Disability Rights Network; National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health; National Disability Rights Network; The ARC of the United States; Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence; Battered Women's Justice Project; National Council on Independent Living; National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women; National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; National Domestic Violence Hotline; National Network to End Domestic Violence; StrongHearts Native Helpline; The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence; Ujima: National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community; and YWCA USA.

HISTORY

Family violence was a predominantly hidden problem for much of the early history of the United States, and that is often still true today. The slowly increasing number of shelters and services for victims of domestic violence in the 1960s—combined with the emergence of the battered women's movement in the 1970s—garnered the attention of the public, as well as then-U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, who established the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Task Force on Family Violence. The DOJ Task Force on Family Violence published a report in 1984 (DOJ report) that examined the scope of family and domestic violence and made recommendations for a more comprehensive response that involved the criminal justice system, victim assistance providers, prevention and awareness, data collection and reporting, research, and federal

[12] Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, 42 U.S.C. § 10401.

[13] *COVID–19 Special Report,* Nat'l Domestic Violence Hotline (2020), https://www.thehotline.org/wp-content/uploads/media/2020/09/The-Hotline-COVID-19-60-Day-Report.pdf.

[14] Megan L. Evans et al., *A Pandemic within a Pandemic—Intimate Partner Violence during Covid–19,* 383 New Eng. J. Med. 2302 (2020).

[15] Laura L. Rogers, *COVID–19 Put Domestic Violence Victims At Greater Risk; Coalitions Nationwide Step Up*, U.S. Dep't of Just. Archives (Aug. 27, 2020), https://www.justice.gov/archives/ovw/blog/covid-19-put-domestic-violence-victims-greater-risk-coalitions-nationwide-stepped.

and state action.[16] In 1984, shortly after the DOJ report was published, Congress passed FVPSA for the first time, as Title III of the Child Abuse Amendments of 1984.[17]

The victim assistance recommendations made in the 1984 DOJ report included providing services designed to meet the immediate needs of survivors, such as shelters, drop-in crisis centers and nurseries, and safe-home networks, as well as more long-term services, including post-trauma counseling and therapy.[18] Many of the modern FVPSA programs and systems, including the State Domestic Violence Coalitions, were developed as a result of these recommendations.

ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Communities of color face disproportionate rates of IPV and often experience barriers to accessing services.[19] According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey in 2010, the last time demographic data was collected, 51.7 percent of American Indian/Alaska Native women, 51.3 percent of multiracial women, 41.2 percent Black women, 29.7 percent Latina women, and 15.3 percent of Asian or Pacific Islander (API) women reported experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner during their lifetimes.[20] The Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence estimates that the prevalence among API women may be even higher, between 21 and 55 percent.[21]

Homicide is one of the top five causes of death for women 44 and under in the United States, and nearly half of female homicide victims are killed by a current or former male intimate partner.[22] When CDC's mortality data for women is disaggregated by race, Black and American Indian/Alaska Native women have the highest rates of homicide (4.4 and 4.3 per 100,000 population, respectively), over 2.5 times the national average.[23]

Research shows that survivors of color also have different needs and experience unique barriers to accessing services. Studies have shown that Latina and Asian immigrant women face significant social, cultural, structural, and political barriers to help-seeking behaviors related to IPV.[24] Research has also shown that survivors

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[16] Att'y Gen.'s Task Force on Family Violence, Dep't of Just., *Family Violence in America* (Final Rep. 1984), https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED251762.pdf.

[17] Adrienne L. Fernandes-Alcantara & Kara Clifford Billings, Cong. Rsch. Serv., IF11170 v.4, *Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)* (2021), https://www.crs.gov/reports/pdf/IF11170.

[18] Att'y Gen.'s Task Force, *supra* note 17.

[19] Condencia Brade & Karma Cottman, *Fact Sheet: COVID–19, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault within Communities of Color,* The Nat'l Ctr. on Violence Against Women in the Black Cmty. (Ujima) (2020), https://ujimacommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COC-SA-DV-COVID-Fact-Sheet.pdf; *Domestic Violence in Communities of Color,* Women of Color Network (June 2006), https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/women_of_color_network_facts_domestic_violence_2006.pdf.

[20] Matthew J. Breiding et al., *Prevalence and Characteristics of Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence Victimization—National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey,* 63 Morbidity and Mortality Wkly. Rep. 1–18 (2014), https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss6308a1.htm.

[21] Mieko Yoshihama & Chic Dabby, *Facts and Stats Report: Domestic Violence in Asian & Pacific Islander Homes,* Asian Pac. Inst. on Gender-Based Violence 2 (2015), https://s3.amazonaws.com/gbv-wp-uploads/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/01204358/Facts-Stats-Report-DV-API-Communities-2015-formatted2019.pdf.

[22] Petrosky et al., *supra* note 7.

[23] *Id.*

[24] Jamila K. Stockman et al., *Intimate Partner Violence and Its Health Impact on Disproportionately Affected Populations, Including Minorities and Impoverished Groups,* 24 J. of Women's Health 62–79 (2015), https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4302952/; *see also,* Heidi M. Bauer et al., *Barriers to Health Care for Abused Latina and Asian Immigrant Women,* 11 J.

of color are often more comfortable seeking help that is culturally tailored.[25]

Targeted funding to support organizations that provide culturally responsive services can help address complex and intersecting needs. This includes addressing additional economic barriers, challenges working with the criminal justice system, barriers to accessing health care services, and inability to access information and resources in survivors' native languages.

H.R. 2119 authorizes grants for culturally specific services for racial and ethnic minority populations. The ANS also includes language clarifying that grantees providing such services may not exclude any victims on the basis of race or ethnicity. The Committee is aware that Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) communities, certain groups of Hispanics, and indigenous people of the Pacific Islands have been excluded from the definition of "culturally specific" in other federal programs for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. The Committee urges ACF to include the culturally specific organizations serving individuals from the Middle East and North Africa, all Hispanic groups as defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and indigenous people of the Pacific Islands to ensure that members of these communities receive the funding and support they need.

A 2015 review of 42 studies of IPV and sexual abuse among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals found that most studies reported IPV rates at similar or higher rates in the LGBT community compared to the general population.[26] In particular, the report found that between 31.1 and 50.0 percent of transgender individuals experienced IPV over their lifetimes.[27] The 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey looked at rates of IPV by sexual orientation and found that bisexual women faced the highest rates of IPV, with 61.1 percent of bisexual women reportedly facing IPV over their lifetime compared to 29 percent of heterosexual men (the group with the lowest rate of IPV by sexual orientation and sex).[28]

H.R. 2119 provides targeted resources to LGBT survivors by authorizing a national special issue resource center to support the response of domestic violence programs and related systems to victims who are underserved due to sexual orientation and gender identity. In addition, H.R. 2119 authorizes grants for underserved populations, including LGBT survivors. These grants will support domestic violence providers and other community-based organiza-

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Health Care Poor Underserved 33–44 (2000), https://www.researchgate.net/publication/236785808_Barriers_to_Health_Care_for_Abused_Latina_and_Asian_Immigrant_Women; Sandra B. Adames & Rebecca Campbell, *Immigrant Latinas' Conceptualizations of Intimate Partner Violence,* 11:10 Violence Against Women 1341–64 (2005), https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/immigrant-latinas-conceptualizations-intimate-partner-violence.

[25] M.J. Zarza & R.H. Adler, *Latina Immigrant Victims of Interpersonal Violence in New Jersey: A Needs Assessment Study,* 16 J. of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma 22–39 (2008), https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2008-18662-002.

[26] Taylor N.T. Brown & Jody L. Herman, Williams Inst., *Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Abuse Among LGBT People A Review of Existing Research* (2015), https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/IPV-Sexual-Abuse-Among-LGBT-Nov-2015.pdf.

[27] *Id.* at 14.

[28] Mikel L. Walters et al., Ctrs. for Disease Control and Prevention, *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation* 2 (2013), https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs_sofindings.pdf. (This study did not include transgender or gender non-conforming individuals.)

tions in building their capacity to provide effective IPV prevention and response services to underserved populations.

Individuals with disabilities and people who are Deaf have nearly double the lifetime risk of IPV victimization as their non-disabled peers. Disabled women experience higher rates of rape, sexual violence, stalking, psychological aggression, and control of reproductive or sexual health by an intimate partner than non-disabled women while men with disabilities are more likely to experience stalking and psychological aggression by an intimate partner than men without disabilities.[29] People with disabilities and people who are Deaf also face barriers to accessing information about preventing IPV and to obtaining support and medical treatment following IPV.[30] Medical providers have reported difficulty identifying IPV among individuals with disabilities, and there is a lack of training on intervention in this population.[31] IPV services funded by FVPSA must be accessible to and meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and people who are Deaf.

H.R. 2119 authorizes a national resource center on the response of domestic violence programs and related systems to survivors with disabilities. Additionally, the bill adds an allowable use of FVPSA funding to make material improvements to structures to make them accessible. Since FVPSA grants are generally inadequate to support significant renovations to buildings, vehicles, or other structures, the Committee urges ACF to allow grantees to use FVPSA funds for smaller-scale improvements that provide accessibility, such as installing grab-rails in restrooms. As amended, the bill also requires grantees to certify that they are in compliance with the ADA and Section 504.

ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

A 2012 CDC report that looked at rates of intimate partner violence by race and ethnicity found that nearly half of American Indian/Alaska Native individuals experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner (47.5 percent of women and 40.5 percent of men).[32] Native IPV survivors often face unique barriers to accessing health care and navigating the criminal justice system.[33] Despite the disproportionate impact of IPV on this population, the National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault lists only 37 tribal IPV shelters nationwide.[34] Additionally, under current law, the tribal domestic violence hotline receives funding only via a subgrant from the National Domestic Violence Hotline (not directly from HHS), and tribal domestic violence coalitions are ineligible for FVPSA coalition

[29] *Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Among People with Disabilities,* Ctrs. for Disease Control and Prevention (June 1, 2020), https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/svandipv.html.

[30] *E.g.,* Nat'l Council on Disability, *Not on the Radar: Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities* (2018), https://ncd.gov/sites/default/files/NCD_Not_on_the_Radar_Accessible.pdf.

[31] Isabel Ruiz-Perez et al., *Intimate Partner Violence in Women With Disabilities: Perception of Healthcare and Attitudes of Health Professionals,* 40 Disability and Rehabilitation 1059–65 (2017).

[32] Sharon G. Smith et al., Ctrs. for Disease Control and Prevention, *National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010–2012 State Report* 120, 123 (2017), https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/NISVS-StateReportBook.pdf.

[33] Futures Without Violence, *The Facts on Violence Against American Indian/Alaska Native Women* 2–3, https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/userfiles/file/Violence%20Against%20AI%20AN%20Women%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf.

[34] *Tribal Women's Shelters,* NICCSA, https://www.niccsa.org/tribal-womens-shelters/ (last visited Aug. 27, 2021).

funding. Therefore, FVPSA reauthorization must address the unique needs of tribal communities.

Wendy Schlater, Vice Chairwoman of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, testified at the March 22nd Hearing.[35] As Director of the FVPSA-funded Safety for Native Women Avellaka Program, Ms. Schlater has helped provide essential services to many victims of IPV and sexual violence in her community but noted that the program's four-bedroom shelter is almost always full as it serves 26 tribes in Southern California. Ms. Schlater highlighted the lifesaving effects FVPSA funding has had for many tribal communities and the need for further tribal-specific enhancements, stating:

> Only with our FVPSA funding are we able to provide emergency shelter placement for families through the use of hotel rooms or safe homes with family or friends . . . [W]e stretch our FVPSA funding until the very last day of the year because otherwise, we would spend each award before the year is over.[36]

H.R. 2119 includes several enhancements to better serve tribal communities. To address the disproportionate need and chronic underfunding in tribal communities, H.R. 2119 increases the set aside for tribes from 10 percent to 12.5 percent of FVPSA appropriations. Additionally, H.R. 2119 makes tribal domestic violence coalitions eligible for FVPSA funds. H.R. 2119 also authorizes an Alaska Native resource center on domestic violence to reduce disparities in the rate of domestic violence within the Alaska Native population. Finally, H.R. 2119 authorizes a distinct tribal domestic violence hotline that can be funded and operated independently of the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Under current law, due to financial constraints, the DELTA prevention program is only able to serve ten state domestic violence coalitions. In fiscal year 2021, DELTA received only $5.5 million, or less than three percent, of the $204 million appropriated in total for FVPSA programs (not including emergency supplemental funding).[37] Yet, there is a growing body of research showing that IPV can be prevented.[38] FVPSA reauthorization should deepen investment in prevention as a strategy to decrease the prevalence of IPV and, in the long-term, to decrease the need for federal spending on IPV services.

In her testimony at the March 22nd Hearing, Dr. Elizabeth Miller spoke about two examples of interventions she has worked on during her career in public health and medicine. The Confidentiality, Universal Education, Empowerment, and Support (CUES) approach, which was created in partnership with the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, a FVPSA grantee,

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[35] *Ending the Cycle: Examining Ways to Prevent Domestic Violence and Promote Healthy Communities: Hearing before the Subcomm. on Civil Rights and Human Services of the H. Comm. on Educ. And Labor,* 117th Cong. (2021) (written testimony of Wendy Schlater, Vice Chairwoman, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians).

[36] *Id.* at 2.

[37] Fernandes-Alcantara, *supra* note 17.

[38] Phyllis Holditch Niolon et al., Ctrs. for Disease Control and Prevention, *Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices* 10 (2017), https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv-technicalpackages.pdf.

has been implemented in community health centers across the country and provides patients with information about various forms of interpersonal violence and support services on a discrete, palm-sized educational brochure. Research on the approach has shown that when health professionals provide this information in a private, confidential setting, it can increase recognition of abusive behaviors and knowledge of safety strategies and resources.[39] The second example, Coaching Boys Into Men, a violence prevention program for middle school and high school-aged boys led by athletic coaches, has been estimated to prevent 20 cases of sexual assault for every 1,000 boys participating.[40] From these experiences, Dr. Miller concluded:

> FVPSA is working. FVPSA is an excellent federal program. Rarely have so few dollars accomplished so much to help people and been leveraged so effectively to make lasting change. But FVPSA can do more to support prevention: First, by expanding the DELTA program so funding can reach all states. Second, by authorizing additional prevention funding out of the Family Violence and Services Office. This way FVPSA grantees—currently focused on providing direct services to those who have already been abused—can implement prevention activities as well.[41]

H.R. 2119 makes significant investments in prevention by providing dedicated funding for each state, territorial, and tribal coalition to do core prevention work and capacity building. Additionally, H.R. 2119 authorizes a new grant program for local community-based programs to work on effective prevention programs, particularly among underserved communities. Finally, H.R. 2119 maintains the current DELTA competitive grant program for state coalitions to work in partnership with local programs on designing, testing, and/or scaling up prevention work.

ENSURING ACCESS TO FVPSA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Congress authorizes programs, such as FVPSA, to achieve a particular policy goal, such as to provide shelter and supportive services to survivors of intimate partner violence and their dependents. Serving survivors without discrimination ensures that the program meets the national interest articulated by Congress to provide these individuals with identified services. From its inception in 1984, FVPSA has included robust nondiscrimination requirements prohibiting discrimination against protected characteristics, including discrimination on the basis of sex.[42]

In their landmark decision *Bostock v. Clayton County,*[43] the Supreme Court held that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity is sex discrimination under *Title VII of*

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[39] Elizabeth Miller et al., *A School Health Center Intervention for Abusive Adolescent Relationships: A Cluster RCT,* 135 Pediatrics 76 (2015).

[40] Kelley A. Jones et al., *Cases of Sexual Assault Prevented in an Athletic Coach-Delivered Gender Violence Prevention Program,* 22:4 Prevention Science: Off. J. of the Soc'y for Prevention Rsch. 504–08 (2021), https://europepmc.org/article/med/33481150.

[41] *Ending the Cycle: Examining Ways to Prevent Domestic Violence and Promote Healthy Communities: Hearing before the Subcomm. on Civil Rights and Human Services of the H. Comm. on Educ. And Labor,* 117th Cong. (2021) (written testimony of Dr. Elizabeth Miller, Director, Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh).

[42] Family Violence Prevention and Services Act § 307.

[43] *Bostock v. Clayton County,* Georgia, 140 S. Ct. 1731, 1737 (2020).

the Civil Rights Act of 1964.[44] Writing for the majority in *Bostock,* Justice Gorsuch made clear, "it is impossible to discriminate against a person for being homosexual or transgender without discriminating against that individual based on sex."[45] The Court's reasoning extends to FVPSA's prohibition against sex discrimination in its programs. Indeed, several years prior to *Bostock,* a 2016 final rule issued by HHS also concluded that discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity status is sex discrimination in the FVPSA program.[46]

Though the Committee believes that the prohibition on sex discrimination under current law already prohibits discrimination against individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity, H.R. 2119 is explicit in those protections. Moreover, the added language aligns the statute with protections that are in current regulations[47] as well as with the *Violence Against Women Act* (VAWA) statute.[48] H.R. 2119 also maintains the statute's existing protections, including protections against discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity. Though H.R. 2119 takes steps to better address culturally specific needs, the ANS clarifies and underscores that FVPSA services cannot be denied on the basis of a survivor's race or ethnicity.

National policies must respond to our increasing population diversity to ensure that all individuals who are eligible for federally funded FVPSA services are served. For example, diversity in sexual orientation must be considered as LGBT individuals, in addition to ethnic and racial minorities, are over-represented and underserved in FVPSA funded programs.[49] As these populations are disproportionately affected by IPV, it is vital that each FVPSA grantee provide services to these survivors. Any allowance of a discriminatory practice in programs will create barriers in accessing critical services, potentially compromising survivor safety and increasing other risks that survivors face. Moreover, FVPSA's long history of robust nondiscrimination reinforces that serving all victims is of central importance to fulfilling the statute's goals.

National policies must also effectively address a diversity of socio-economic and familial structures to reflect the needs of survivors with children and those who likely do not have a reliable source of income. For example, survivors of IPV face increased risk of homelessness and housing instability. Survivors of IPV who face life-threatening violence likely require immediate alternative shelter to escape harm. Data collected by CDC indicate that over half of female homicide victims in the U.S. were killed by an intimate partner.[50] It is also estimated that 80 percent of homeless mothers

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[44] Civil Rights Act of 1964 § 703, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e–2.

[45] *Bostock,* 140 S. Ct. at 1741.

[46] Family Violence Prevention and Services Programs, 81 Fed. Reg. 76446 (2016) (codified at 45 C.F.R. Part 1370).

[47] *Id.*

[48] Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA), Pub. L. No. 103–322, Title IV, 108 Stat. 1902 (codified as amended at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)(A)).

[49] Brade & Cottman, *supra* note 19; Brown & Herman, *supra* note 26.

[50] Camila Domonoske, *CDC: Half of All Female Homicide Victims are Killed By Intimate Partners,* NPR (July 21, 2017), https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/07/21/538518569/cdc-half-of-all-female-murder-victims-are-killed-by-intimate-partners.

with children have experienced IPV.[51] There is a clear, compelling interest in ensuring that survivors fleeing IPV and their children have immediate access to services providing safe shelter and thus, eligible survivors cannot be turned away from FVPSA grantees when they seek services.

Since the law's inception, FVPSA has allowed for service providers to use sex-specific programming where sex is either "a bona fide occupational qualification" or a "programmatic factor reasonably necessary to the normal operation or safe operation of that particular program or activity."[52] H.R. 2119 updates FVPSA to better align it with VAWA[53] given that some entities may be operating both FVPSA and VAWA programs. The sex-specific programmatic considerations in FVPSA or VAWA in no way undermine either statute's prohibition against sex discrimination. Rather, the language allows entities operating FVPSA programs, using objective criteria,[54] to tailor services in a manner that serves victims where there is an identified need, while also allowing comparable services where sex-specific services are not possible. Under no circumstance are program grantees ever relieved of the requirement to provide services to victims as this would be counter to the very purpose of FVPSA to serve survivors with supportive services. Serving survivors without regard to their sex, or any another protected characteristic, is a fundamental piece of fulfilling the purpose of FVPSA.

BUILDING ON INVESTMENTS MADE IN THE *AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT*

The COVID–19 pandemic has put many individuals in positions of increased proximity to abusers and heightened vulnerability to IPV as a result of stay-at-home orders, economic and other related uncertainties, social isolation, and capacity limits at shelters due to social distancing requirements.[55] As part of President Biden's plan to address and recover from the COVID–19 pandemic, $450 million was included in the *American Rescue Plan Act*[56] to strengthen the nation's response to domestic and gender-based violence and support survivors under FVPSA. This investment is not subject to FVPSA's funding match requirements for the duration of the COVID–19 pandemic and includes $180 million for FVPSA formula grants; $18 million for grants for Indian tribes; $2 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, of which $1 million was directed to support tribal communities; $49.5 million for grants to support culturally-specific populations; $198 million for grants to support survivors of sexual assault; and $2.5 million for the federal administrative costs of implementing grants to support culturally-specific populations and grants to support survivors of sexual assault.

H.R. 2119 builds on these temporary increased investments by making programs for underserved populations and culturally spe-

[51] *The Intimate Relationship Between Domestic Violence and Homelessness*, Inst. for Children, Poverty & Homelessness (Oct. 27, 2018), https://www.icphusa.org/commentary/the-intimate-relationship-between-domestic-violence-and-homelessness-2/.
[52] 42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(2)(B)(i).
[53] 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)(A).
[54] 45 C.F.R. § 1370.5 (2016).
[55] Fernandes-Alcantara, *supra* note 17.
[56] American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No 117–2, 135 Stat. 4.

cific services permanent and by increasing overall authorization levels to $270 million annually to ensure that services are sufficient to meet the needs of survivors moving forward.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Short title

This section states that the title of the bill is the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act,* and amendments made by this Act to a section or other provision of law are amendments to such section or other provision of the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act*. This section includes a severability clause.

Section 2. Purpose

This section amends the purpose of FVPSA. The enhanced language reflects FVPSA's focus on both domestic violence intervention and prevention, and it mirrors language in the FVPSA Final Rule promulgated in 2015 that emphasizes the importance of accessible, trauma-informed, and culturally relevant residential and non-residential services.

Section 3. Definitions

This section makes changes to the definitions of the terms "Indian; Indian tribe; tribal organization," "personally-identifying information," "shelter," "State domestic violence coalition," "supportive services," "tribally designated official," and "underserved populations and underserved individuals," and it adds definitions for the terms "dating partner," "digital services," "domestic violence, dating violence, family violence," "economic abuse," "institution of higher education," "population specific services," "racial and ethnic minority group," "technical abuse," "tribal domestic violence coalition," "youth," and "child."

Section 4. Authorization of appropriations

This section reauthorizes FVPSA for fiscal years 2022–2026, updates the funding formula, and authorizes funding at $270 million annually.

Section 5. Authority of Secretary

This section adds institutions of higher education as entities to whom the Secretary of HHS is authorized to make grants under FVPSA and directs the Secretary of HHS to make grants to or enter into contracts with eligible entities to conduct research and/or evaluation. Additionally, this section provides authority to the Secretary of HHS to grant flexibilities and waivers to grantees and subgrantees as necessary to continue operation of programs in the event of a major disaster or emergency.

Section 6. Allotment of funds

This section amends the allotment of funds to states and territories by applying a minimum grant level of $600,000 annually for all states and territories, including American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United

States Virgin Islands, with the remaining funds to be allocated by population to all states.

Section 7. Formula grants to states

This section clarifies that protections against discrimination on the basis of sex include sexual orientation and gender identity. Additionally, this section clarifies that sex-segregated or sex-specific programming may be provided if it is necessary to the essential operation of a program, and, in such instances, requires grantees to provide comparable services to individuals who cannot be provided with sex-segregated or sex-specific programming. This section further strikes the requirement for states or Indian tribes to contribute $1 in matching funds for every $5 in federal funds received under FVPSA. This section also adds a requirement for grantees to include information regarding their development and implementation of barrier removal plans to ensure compliance with the ADA and Section 504 in their annual performance reports to the Secretary of HHS.

Section 8. State application

This section updates the state application by requiring states to certify compliance with FVPSA requirements; adds a requirement for states to certify that they will work with State Domestic Violence Coalitions to establish service standards and best practices for grantees; adds a requirement for states to describe how their activities and services are designed to promote trauma-informed care, autonomy, and privacy for those experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence; and aligns references to the state plan with similar provisions in VAWA. This section also adds a requirement that state and tribal applications include a certification and description of how the state or tribe will disseminate information about the national resource centers. Additionally, this section adds a requirement that state and tribal applications include a certification that subgrantees demonstrate their ability to provide services for Deaf people and people with disabilities in compliance with the ADA and Section 504.

Section 9. Subgrants and uses of funds

This section adds to the allowable use of funds the provision of shelter and services to underserved populations, language assistance for individuals experiencing domestic violence with limited English proficiency or with a disability, and partnerships that enhance the design and delivery of domestic violence services. Additionally, this section adds an allowable use of funds for making material improvements to the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communications, or digital services. This section adds a Sense of Congress regarding the use of funds for making material improvements in the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communication, or digital services.

Section 10. Grants for Indian tribes

This section makes technical changes regarding the requirements around formula grants to Indian tribes and tribal organizations and aligns the section with the aforementioned updated definitions.

Section 11. National resource centers and training and technical assistance centers

This section updates the authorizing language for the criminal and civil justice, health care, mental health, substance use disorder, and trauma national resource centers. Additionally, the section authorizes two new national special issue resource centers that may be funded by the Secretary of HHS for domestic violence response programs and related systems to address victims who are underserved due to sexual orientation and gender identity. This authorization also strengthens the organizational capacity of state, territorial, and tribal domestic violence coalitions and state, territorial, and tribal administrators who administer FVPSA. This section also authorizes an Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center and a resource center on disability and domestic violence that the Secretary of HHS must fund.

Section 12. Grants to state domestic violence coalitions

This section creates flexibility for state domestic violence coalitions by shifting certain activities to optional uses of funds.

Section 13. Grants to tribal domestic violence coalitions

This section authorizes tribal coalitions to receive FVPSA funding. Grant funds may be used for administration and operation to further the purposes of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence intervention and prevention activities.

Section 14. Specialized services for abused parents and their children who have been exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence

This section continues grant programs to expand the capacity of programs to address the needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and ensures better access to currently underserved populations. This section also clarifies that grants for specialized services for children and their parents who have been exposed to domestic violence can support caregivers (not just parents) who have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, or who are caring for children whose parents have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence.

Section 15. National Domestic Violence Hotline grant

This section reflects the increasing digital nature of the services being provided by the National Domestic Violence Hotline and amends the language to broaden the Hotline's services from just telephonic services to include digital services.

Section 16. National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline grant

This section authorizes a National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline as a stand-alone program. Under current law, the Strong Hearts Native Helpline is funded as a subsidiary of the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Section 17. Domestic violence prevention enhancement and leadership

This section continues support for the current DELTA program operated by CDC. These projects design, test, and/or scale up innovative domestic violence and dating violence prevention models and systematically evaluate their effectiveness. This section also provides new core grants to each state, territorial, and tribal coalition to build organizational capacity and state leadership for primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, including collaboration with other systems central to prevention efforts (to be administered by CDC), as well as new grants to local community-based programs to enhance the capacity of communities and systems to engage in effective prevention efforts (to be administered by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program of the Administration for Children and Families at HHS).

Section 18. Additional grant programs

This section provides capacity building and implementation grants to increase access for survivors from underserved populations who may face additional barriers to access services in traditional spaces such as older adults, individuals with disabilities, youth, individuals of different sexual orientations, faith-based communities, and individuals in rural areas by creating a new grant program. This section also provides evaluation grants to provide greater assistance executing programmatic designs, collecting and analyzing data, and disseminating findings. Additionally, this section establishes a grant program to support culturally specific services for survivors from racial and ethnic minority populations.

Section 19. Analysis of federal support for financial stability among survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence

This section authorizes a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on federal support for the financial stability of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments, including the amendment in the nature of a substitute, are explained in the descriptive portions of this report.

APPLICATION OF LAW TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Pursuant to section 102(b)(3) of the *Congressional Accountability Act of 1995,* Pub. L. No. 104–1, H.R. 2119 does not apply to terms and conditions of employment or to access to public services or accommodations within the legislative branch.

UNFUNDED MANDATE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 423 of the *Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974,* Pub. L. No. 93–344 (as amended by Section 101(a)(2) of the *Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995,* Pub. L. No. 104–4), the Committee traditionally adopts as its own the cost estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional

Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The Committee reports that because this cost estimate was not timely submitted to the Committee before the filing of this report, the Committee is not in a position to make a cost estimate for H.R. 2119, as amended.

EARMARK STATEMENT

In accordance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H.R. 2119 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as described in clauses 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI.

ROLL CALL VOTES

In compliance with clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the following roll call votes occurred during the Committee's consideration of H.R. 2119:

Date: 7/15/2021

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTE

Roll Call:1 Bill: H.R. 2119 Amendment Number:2

Disposition: Defeated by a vote of 19-26

Sponsor/Amendment: Letlow/H3992ANS_AM_003.XML

Name & State	Aye	No	Not Voting	Name & State	Aye	No	Not Voting
Mr. SCOTT (VA) (Chairman)		X		Mrs. FOXX (NC) (Ranking)	X		
Mr. GRIJALVA (AZ)		X		Mr. WILSON (SC)	X		
Mr. COURNTEY (CT)		X		Mr. THOMPSON (PA)			X
Mr. SABLAN (MP)		X		Mr. WALBERG (MI)	X		
Ms. WILSON (FL)		X		Mr. GROTHMAN (WI)	X		
Ms. BONAMICI (OR)		X		Ms. STEFANIK (NY)	X		
Mr. TAKANO (CA)		X		Mr. ALLEN (GA)	X		
Ms. ADAMS (NC)		X		Mr. BANKS (IN)	X		
Mr. DESAULNIER (CA)		X		Mr. COMER (KY)	X		
Mr. NORCROSS (NJ)		X		Mr. FULCHER (ID)	X		
Ms. JAYAPAL (WA)		X		Mr. KELLER (PA)	X		
Mr. MORELLE (NY)		X		Mr. MURPHY (NC)	X		
Ms. WILD (PA)		X		Ms. MILLER-MEEKS (IA)			X
Mrs. MCBATH (GA)		X		Mr. OWENS (UT)	X		
Mrs. HAYES (CT)		X		Mr. GOOD (VA)		X	
Mr. LEVIN (MI)		X		Mrs. MCCLAIN (MI)	X		
Ms. OMAR (MN)			X	Mrs. HARSHBARGER (TN)	X		
Ms. STEVENS (MI)		X		Mrs. MILLER (IL)	X		
Ms. LEGER FERNÁNDEZ (NM)		X		Mrs. SPARTZ (IN)	X		
Mr. JONES (NY)		X		Mr. FITZGERALD (WI)			X
Ms. MANNING (NC)		X		Mr. CAWTHORN (NC)	X		
Mr. MRVAN (IN)		X		Mrs. STEEL (CA)	X		
Mr. BOWMAN (NY)		X		Ms. LETLOW (LA)	X		
Mr. POCAN (WI)			X	*Vacancy*			
Mr. CASTRO (TX)		X					
Ms. SHERRILL (NJ)		X					
Mr. YARMUTH (KY)		X					
Mr. ESPAILLAT (NY)		X					
Mr. KWEISI MFUME (MD)			X				

TOTALS: Ayes: 19 Nos:26 Not Voting:6

Total: 53 / Quorum: / Report:

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^Although not present for the recorded vote, Member expressed he/she would have voted AYE if present at time of vote.

*Although not present for the recorded vote, Member expressed he/she would have voted NO if present at time of vote.

Date: 7/15/2021

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTE

Roll Call:2 Bill: H.R. 2119 Amendment Number:4

Disposition: Defeated by a vote of 20-26

Sponsor/Amendment: Miller/\RAMT1_001.XML

Name & State	Aye	No	Not Voting	Name & State	Aye	No	Not Voting
Mr. SCOTT (VA) (Chairman)		X		Mrs. FOXX (NC) (Ranking)	X		
Mr. GRIJALVA (AZ)		X		Mr. WILSON (SC)	X		
Mr. COURNTEY (CT)		X		Mr. THOMPSON (PA)			X
Mr. SABLAN (MP)		X		Mr. WALBERG (MI)	X		
Ms. WILSON (FL)		X		Mr. GROTHMAN (WI)	X		
Ms. BONAMICI (OR)		X		Ms. STEFANIK (NY)	X		
Mr. TAKANO (CA)		X		Mr. ALLEN (GA)	X		
Ms. ADAMS (NC)		X		Mr. BANKS (IN)	X		
Mr. DESAULNIER (CA)		X		Mr. COMER (KY)	X		
Mr. NORCROSS (NJ)		X		Mr. FULCHER (ID)	X		
Ms. JAYAPAL (WA)		X		Mr. KELLER (PA)	X		
Mr. MORELLE (NY)		X		Mr. MURPHY (NC)	X		
Ms. WILD (PA)		X		Ms. MILLER-MEEKS (IA)			X
Mrs. MCBATH (GA)		X		Mr. OWENS (UT)	X		
Mrs. HAYES (CT)		X		Mr. GOOD (VA)	X		
Mr. LEVIN (MI)		X		Mrs. MCCLAIN (MI)	X		
Ms. OMAR (MN)			X	Mrs. HARSHBARGER (TN)	X		
Ms. STEVENS (MI)		X		Mrs. MILLER (IL)	X		
Ms. LEGER FERNÁNDEZ (NM)		X		Mrs. SPARTZ (IN)	X		
Mr. JONES (NY)		X		Mr. FITZGERALD (WI)			X
Ms. MANNING (NC)		X		Mr. CAWTHORN (NC)	X		
Mr. MRVAN (IN)		X		Mrs. STEEL (CA)	X		
Mr. BOWMAN (NY)		X		Ms. LETLOW (LA)	X		
Mr. POCAN (WI)			X	*Vacancy*			
Mr. CASTRO (TX)		X					
Ms. SHERRILL (NJ)		X					
Mr. YARMUTH (KY)		X					
Mr. ESPAILLAT (NY)		X					
Mr. KWEISI MFUME (MD)			X				

TOTALS: Ayes: 20 Nos:26 Not Voting:6

Total: 53 / Quorum: / Report:

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Date: 7/15/2021

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTE

Roll Call: 3 Bill: H.R. 2119 Amendment Number: Motion

Disposition: Adopted by a Full Committee vote of 26 ayes; 20 noes

Sponsor/Amendment: Bowman/to report to the House with an amendment and with the recommendation that the amendment be agreed to, and the bill as amended, do pass

Name & State	Aye	No	Not Voting	Name & State	Aye	No	Not Voting
Mr. SCOTT (VA) (Chairman)	X			Mrs. FOXX (NC) (Ranking)		X	
Mr. GRIJALVA (AZ)	X			Mr. WILSON (SC)		X	
Mr. COURNTEY (CT)	X			Mr. THOMPSON (PA)			X
Mr. SABLAN (MP)	X			Mr. WALBERG (MI)		X	
Ms. WILSON (FL)	X			Mr. GROTHMAN (WI)		X	
Ms. BONAMICI (OR)	X			Ms. STEFANIK (NY)		X	
Mr. TAKANO (CA)	X			Mr. ALLEN (GA)		X	
Ms. ADAMS (NC)	X			Mr. BANKS (IN)		X	
Mr. DESAULNIER (CA)	X			Mr. COMER (KY)		X	
Mr. NORCROSS (NJ)	X			Mr. FULCHER (ID)		X	
Ms. JAYAPAL (WA)	X			Mr. KELLER (PA)		X	
Mr. MORELLE (NY)	X			Mr. MURPHY (NC)		X	
Ms. WILD (PA)	X			Ms. MILLER-MEEKS (IA)			X
Mrs. MCBATH (GA)	X			Mr. OWENS (UT)		X	
Mrs. HAYES (CT)	X			Mr. GOOD (VA)		X	
Mr. LEVIN (MI)	X			Mrs. MCCLAIN (MI)		X	
Ms. OMAR (MN)			X	Mrs. HARSHBARGER (TN)		X	
Ms. STEVENS (MI)	X			Mrs. MILLER (IL)		X	
Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (NM)	X			Mrs. SPARTZ (IN)		X	
Mr. JONES (NY)	X			Mr. FITZGERALD (WI)			X
Ms. MANNING (NC)	X			Mr. CAWTHORN (NC)		X	
Mr. MRVAN (IN)	X			Mrs. STEEL (CA)		X	
Mr. BOWMAN (NY)	X			Ms. LETLOW (LA)		X	
Mr. POCAN (WI)			X	*Vacancy*			
Mr. CASTRO (TX)	X						
Ms. SHERRILL (NJ)	X						
Mr. YARMUTH (KY)	X						
Mr. ESPAILLAT (NY)	X						
Mr. KWEISI MFUME (MD)			X				

TOTALS: Ayes: 26 Nos: 20 Not Voting: 6

Total: 53 / Quorum: / Report:

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STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause (3)(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the goals of H.R. 2119 are to better meet the needs of individuals experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and to reduce the incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence by improving prevention.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no provision of H.R. 2119 is known to be duplicative of another federal program, including any program that was included in a report to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Pub. L. No. 111–139 or the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

HEARINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(6) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Education and Labor's Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing on March 22, 2021, entitled "*Ending the Cycle: Examining Ways to Prevent Domestic Violence and Promote Healthy Communities*," which was used to develop H.R. 2119. The Subcommittee heard testimony from Vanessa Timmons, Executive Director, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Portland, OR; Wendy Schlater, Vice Chairwoman, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, Pauma Valley, CA; Ami Novoryta, Chief Program Officer, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, IL; and Dr. Elizabeth Miller, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

STATEMENT OF OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII and clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the descriptive portions of this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND CBO COST ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the *Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974*, and pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the *Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974*, the Committee has requested but not received a cost estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

Clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison of the costs that would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 2119. However, clause

3(d)(2)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the *Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974*. The Committee reports that because this cost estimate was not timely submitted to the Committee before the filing of this report, the Committee is not in a position to make a cost estimate for H.R. 2119, as amended.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, H.R. 2119, as reported, are shown as follows:

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT

TITLE III—FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the "Family Violence Prevention and Services Act".

[(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to—

[(1) assist States and Indian tribes in efforts to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

[(2) assist States and Indian tribes in efforts to provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents;

[(3) provide for a national domestic violence hotline;

[(4) provide for technical assistance and training relating to family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence programs to States and Indian tribes, local public agencies (including law enforcement agencies, courts, and legal, social service, and health care professionals in public agencies), nonprofit private organizations (including faith-based and charitable organizations, community-based organizations, and voluntary associations), tribal organizations, and other persons seeking such assistance and training.]

(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to improve services and interventions for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and to advance primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence by—

(1) assisting States and territories in supporting local domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs to provide accessible, trauma-informed, culturally relevant residential and non-residential services to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence victims and their children and dependents;

(2) strengthening the capacity of Indian Tribes to exercise their sovereign authority to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence committed against Indians;

(3) providing for a network of technical assistance and training centers to support effective policy, practice, research, and cross-system collaboration to improve intervention and prevention efforts throughout the country;

(4) supporting the efforts of State, territorial, and Tribal coalitions to document and address the needs of victims and their children and dependents, including victims and their children and dependents who are underserved, implement effective coordinated community and systems responses, and promote ongoing public education and community engagement;

(5) maintaining national domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence hotlines, including a national Indian domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence hotline; and

(6) supporting the development and implementation of evidence-informed, coalition-led, and community-based primary prevention approaches and programs.

[SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS

[In this title:

[(1) ALASKA NATIVE.—The term "Alaska Native" has the meaning given the term "Native" in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

[(2) DATING VIOLENCE.—The term "dating violence" has the meaning given such term in section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925(a)).

[(3) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term "domestic violence" has the meaning given such term in section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925(a)).

[(4) FAMILY VIOLENCE.—The term "family violence" means any act or threatened act of violence, including any forceful detention of an individual, that—

[(A) results or threatens to result in physical injury; and

[(B) is committed by a person against another individual (including an elderly individual) to or with whom such person—

[(i) is related by blood;

[(ii) is or was related by marriage or is or was otherwise legally related; or

[(iii) is or was lawfully residing.

[(5) INDIAN; INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms "Indian", "Indian tribe", and "tribal organization" have the meanings given such terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

[(6) NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term "Native Hawaiian" has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

[(7) PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—The term "personally identifying information" has the meaning given the term in section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925(a)).

[(8) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

[(9) SHELTER.—The term "shelter" means the provision of temporary refuge and supportive services in compliance with applicable State law (including regulation) governing the provision, on a regular basis, of shelter, safe homes, meals, and supportive services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents.

[(10) STATE.—The term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, except as otherwise provided, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

[(11) STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION.—The term "State Domestic Violence Coalition" means a statewide nongovernmental nonprofit private domestic violence organization that—

[(A) has a membership that includes a majority of the primary-purpose domestic violence service providers in the State;

[(B) has board membership that is representative of primary-purpose domestic violence service providers, and which may include representatives of the communities in which the services are being provided in the State;

[(C) has as its purpose to provide education, support, and technical assistance to such service providers to enable the providers to establish and maintain shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents; and

[(D) serves as an information clearinghouse, primary point of contact, and resource center on domestic violence for the State and supports the development of polices, protocols, and procedures to enhance domestic violence intervention and prevention in the State.

[(12) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term "supportive services" means services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and dependents exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, that are designed to—

[(A) meet the needs of such victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, for short-term, transitional, or long-term safety; and

[(B) provide counseling, advocacy, or assistance for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents.

[(13) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED OFFICIAL.—The term "tribally designated official" means an individual designated by an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or nonprofit private organization authorized by an Indian tribe, to administer a grant under section 309.

[(14) UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.—The term "underserved populations" has the meaning given the term in section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925(a)). For the purposes of this title, the Secretary has the same authority to determine whether a population is an underserved population as the Attorney General has under that section 40002(a).

[SEC. 303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

[(a) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—

[(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out sections 301 through 312, $175,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

[(2) ALLOCATIONS.—

[(A) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—

[(i) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—For any fiscal year for which the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) exceed $130,000,000, not less than 25 percent of such excess funds shall be made available to carry out section 312.

[(ii) FORMULA GRANTS.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year and not reserved under clause (i), not less than 70 percent shall be used for making grants under section 306(a).

[(B) GRANTS TO TRIBES.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year and not reserved under subparagraph (A)(i), not less than 10 percent shall be used to carry out section 309.

[(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING CENTERS.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year and not reserved under subparagraph (A)(i), not less than 6 percent shall be used by the Secretary for making grants under section 310.

[(D) GRANTS FOR STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year and not reserved under subparagraph (A)(i), not less than 10 percent of such amounts shall be used by the Secretary for making grants under section 311.

[(E) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION AND MONITORING.—Of the amount appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year and not reserved under subparagraph (A)(i), not more than 2.5 percent shall be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this title.

[(b) NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 313 $3,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

[(c) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH ALLIANCES.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 314 $6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

[(d) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—For the purposes of carrying out this title, in addition to amounts otherwise made available for such purposes, there are appropriated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2021, to remain avail-

able until expended except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each of the following:

[(1) $180,000,000 to carry out sections 301 through 312, to be allocated in the manner described in subsection (a)(2), except that—

[(A) a reference in subsection (a)(2) to an amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) shall be considered to be a reference to an amount appropriated under this paragraph;

[(B) the matching requirement in section 306(c)(4) and condition in section 308(d)(3) shall not apply; and

[(C) each reference in section 305(e) to "the end of the following fiscal year" shall be considered to be a reference to "the end of fiscal year 2025"; and

[(D) funds made available to a State in a grant under section 306(a) and obligated in a timely manner shall be available for expenditure, by the State or a recipient of funds from the grant, through the end of fiscal year 2025;

[(2) $18,000,000 to carry out section 309.

[(3) $2,000,000 to carry out section 313, of which $1,000,000 shall be allocated to support Indian communities.]

SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) ALASKA NATIVE.—The term "Alaska Native" has the meaning given the term Native in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

(2) CHILD.—The term "child" means an individual who is—

(A) younger than age 18; and

(B) not an emancipated minor.

(3) DATING PARTNER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "dating partner" means any person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with an abuser, and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of one or more of the following factors:

(i) The length of the relationship.

(ii) The type of the relationship.

(iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

(iv) The cultural context of the relationship.

(B) CONSTRUCTION.—Sexual contact is not a necessary component of a relationship described in subparagraph (A).

(4) DIGITAL SERVICES.—The term "digital services" means services, resources, information, support, or referrals provided through electronic communications platforms and media, which may include mobile phone technology, video technology, computer technology (including use of the internet), and any other emerging communications technologies that are appropriate for the purposes of providing services, resources, information, support, or referrals for the benefit of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

(5) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, FAMILY VIOLENCE.—The terms "domestic violence", "dating violence", and "family violence" mean any act, threatened act, or pattern of acts of physical or sexual violence, stalking, harassment, psy-

chological abuse, economic abuse, technological abuse, or any other form of abuse, including threatening to commit harm against children or dependents or other members of the household of the recipient of the threat for the purpose of coercion, threatening, or causing harm, directed against—

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

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

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

(D) a person who shares a child or dependent in common with the person committing such an act;

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

(F) any other person who is protected from any such act under the domestic or family violence laws, policies, or regulations of the jurisdiction.

(6) ECONOMIC ABUSE.—The term "economic abuse", when used in the context of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, means behavior that is coercive or deceptive related to a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled, or that unreasonably controls or restrains a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled. This includes using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to—

(A) restrict a person's access to money, assets, credit, or financial information;

(B) unfairly use a person's personal economic resources, including money, assets, and credit, for one's own advantage; or

(C) exert undue influence over a person's financial and economic behavior or decisions, including forcing default on joint or other financial obligations, exploiting powers of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing or neglecting to act in the best interests of a person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.

(7) INDIAN; INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms "Indian", "Indian Tribe", and "Tribal organization" have the meanings given the terms "Indian", "Indian tribe", and "tribal organization", respectively, in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(8) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term "institution of higher education" has the meaning given such term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

(9) NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term "Native Hawaiian" has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(10) PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—The term "personally identifying information" has the meaning given the term in section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

(11) POPULATION SPECIFIC SERVICES.—The term "population specific services" has the meaning given such term in section

40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

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

(13) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(14) SHELTER.—The term "shelter" means the provision of temporary refuge and basic necessities, in conjunction with supportive services, provided on a regular basis, in compliance with applicable State, Tribal, territorial, or local law to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence and their children and dependents. Such law includes regulations governing the provision of safe homes and other forms of secure temporary lodging, meals, other basic necessities, or supportive services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence and their children and dependents.

(15) STATE.—The term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, except as otherwise provided, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(16) STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION.—The term "State Domestic Violence Coalition" means a statewide nongovernmental nonprofit private domestic violence, dating violence, and family organization designated by the Secretary that—

(A) has a membership that includes a majority of the primary-purpose domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers in the State;

(B) has board membership that is representative of primary-purpose domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers, and which may include representatives of the communities in which the services are being provided in the State;

(C) has as its purpose to provide education, support, and technical assistance to such service providers to enable the providers to establish and maintain shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and their children and dependents; and

(D) serves as an information clearinghouse, primary point of contact, and resource center on domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence for the State and supports the development of polices, protocols, and procedures to enhance domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence intervention and prevention in the State.

(17) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term "supportive services" means services for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and children and dependents exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, that are designed to—

(A) meet the needs of such victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and their children and

dependents, for short-term, transitional, or long-term safety; and

(B) provide counseling, advocacy, or assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and their children and dependents.

(18) TECHNOLOGICAL ABUSE.—The term "technological abuse" means an act or pattern of behavior that—

(A) occurs within domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

(B) is intended to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass, impersonate, exploit, extort, or monitor, except as otherwise permitted by law, another person; and

(C) uses any form of information technology, including any of the following:

(i) Internet-enabled devices.

(ii) Online spaces or platforms.

(iii) Computers, mobile devices, or software applications.

(iv) Location tracking devices.

(v) Communication technologies.

(vi) Cameras or imaging platforms.

(vii) Any other emerging technology.

(19) TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION.—The term "Tribal domestic violence coalition" means an established nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian organization recognized by the Office of Violence Against Women at the Department of Justice that—

(A) provides education, support, and technical assistance to member Indian service providers in a manner that enables the member providers to establish and maintain culturally appropriate services, including shelter (including supportive services) designed to assist Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence and the children and dependents of such victims; and

(B) is comprised of members that are representative of—

(i) the member service providers described in subparagraph (A); and

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

(20) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED OFFICIAL.—The term "Tribally designated official" means an individual designated by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or nonprofit private organization authorized by an Indian Tribe, to administer a grant under section 309.

(21) UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS; UNDERSERVED INDIVIDUALS.—The terms "underserved populations" and "underserved individuals" mean victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, and their children and dependents who face obstacles in accessing and using State, Tribal, territorial, or local domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence services, or who may be overrepresented in experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence due to historical barriers. Populations may be underserved on the basis of, marginalized racial and ethnic minority populations, Indigenous status, cultural and language barriers, immigration status, disabilities, mental health needs, sexual orientation or gen-

der identity, age (including both elders and children), geographical location, faith or religious practice or lack thereof, or other bases, as determined by the Secretary.

(22) VICTIM.—The term "victim" means an individual against whom an act of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence is carried out.

(23) YOUTH.—The term 'youth' has the meaning given the term in section 4002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(45)).

SEC. 303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out sections 301 through 312 and 316, $270,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(2) RESERVATIONS FOR GRANTS TO TRIBES.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, 12.5 percent shall be reserved and used to carry out section 309.

(3) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year and not reserved under paragraph (2) (referred to in this subsection as the "remainder"), not less than 70 percent shall be used for making grants under section 306(a).

(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING CENTERS.—Of the remainder, not less than 6 percent shall be used to carry out section 310.

(5) GRANTS FOR STATE AND TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—Of the remainder—

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

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

(6) SPECIALIZED SERVICES.—Of the remainder, not less than 5 percent shall be used to carry out section 312.

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

(8) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of the remainder, not more than 3.5 percent shall be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this title.

(b) NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 313 $14,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(c) NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 313A $4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(d) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH ALLIANCES.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 314 $26,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(e) GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 315 $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(f) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated for research and evaluation of activities under this title $3,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

SEC. 304. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.

(a) AUTHORITIES.—In order to carry out the provisions of this title, the Secretary is authorized to—

(1) appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as are necessary;

(2) procure, to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, such temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants as are necessary;

(3) make grants to eligible entities or enter into contracts with for-profit or nonprofit nongovernmental entities *or institutions of higher education, including to support and evaluate demonstration or discretionary projects in response to current and emerging issues,* and establish reporting requirements for such grantees and contractors;

(4) prescribe such regulations and guidance as are reasonably necessary in order to carry out the objectives and provisions of this title, including regulations and guidance on implementing new grant conditions established or provisions modified by amendments made to this title by the ❚CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010❚ *Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021*, to ensure accountability and transparency of the actions of grantees and contractors, or as determined by the Secretary to be reasonably necessary to carry out this title; and

(5) coordinate programs within the Department of Health and Human Services, and seek to coordinate those programs with programs administered by other Federal agencies, that involve or affect efforts to prevent family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence or the provision of assistance for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall—

(1) assign 1 or more employees of the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out the provisions of this title, including carrying out evaluation and monitoring under this title, which employees shall, prior to such appointment, ❚have expertise in the field of family violence and domestic violence prevention and services and, to the extent practicable, have expertise in the field of dating violence;❚ *have expertise in the field of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence prevention and services;*

(2) provide technical assistance in the conduct of programs for the ❚prevention and treatment of❚ *prevention of, intervention in, and treatment of,* family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

(3) provide for and coordinate research into the most effective approaches to the intervention in and prevention of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, by—

(A) consulting with experts and program providers within the family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence field to identify gaps in research and knowledge, establish research priorities, and disseminate research findings;

(B) collecting and reporting data on the provision of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence serv-

ices, including assistance and programs supported by Federal funds made available under this title and by other governmental or nongovernmental sources of funds[; and]*;*

(C) coordinating family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence research efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services with relevant research administered or carried out by other Federal agencies and other researchers, including research on the provision of assistance for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence; and

(D) making grants to eligible entities or entering into contracts with for-profit or nonprofit nongovernmental entities or institutions of higher education to conduct domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence research or evaluation; and

(4) support the development and implementation of effective policies, protocols, and programs within the Department and at other Federal agencies that address the safety and support needs of adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

(c) REPORTS.—Every 2 years, the Secretary shall review and evaluate the activities conducted by grantees, subgrantees, and contractors under this title and the effectiveness of the programs administered pursuant to this title, and submit a report containing the evaluation to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate. Such report shall also include a summary of the documentation provided to the Secretary through performance reports submitted under section 306(d). The Secretary shall make publicly available on the Department of Health and Human Services website the evaluation reports submitted to Congress under this subsection, including the summary of the documentation provided to the Secretary under section 306(d).

(d) EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In response to any emergency or disaster described in paragraph (3), for the duration of the emergency or disaster, the Secretary may—

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

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

(i) application requirements;

(ii) reporting requirements; and

(iii) grant award extensions.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow altering or waiving the requirements in section 306(c)(2).

(3) EMERGENCIES DESCRIBED.—The emergencies and disasters described in this paragraph are the following:

(A) A major disaster declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

(B) An emergency declared by the President under section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191).

(C) A public health emergency determined to exist pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

SEC. 305. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.

[(a) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appropriated under section 303 and available for grants to States under section 306(a) for any fiscal year—

[(1) Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall each be allotted not less than ⅛ of 1 percent of the amounts available for grants under section 306(a) for the fiscal year for which the allotment is made; and

[(2) each State shall be allotted for a grant under section 306(a), $600,000, with the remaining funds to be allotted to each State in an amount that bears the same ratio to such remaining funds as the population of such State bears to the population of all States.]

(a) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appropriated under section 303 and available for grants to States under section 306(a) for any fiscal year, each State shall be allotted for a grant under section 306(a), $600,000, with the remaining funds to be allotted to each State (other than Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) in an amount that bears the same ratio to such remaining funds as the population of such State bears to the population of all such States (excluding Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

(b) POPULATION.—For the purpose of this section, the population of each State, and the total population of all the States, shall be determined by the Secretary on the basis of the most recent census data available to the Secretary, and the Secretary shall use for such purpose, if available, the annual interim current census data produced by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to section 181 of title 13, United States Code.

(c) RATABLE REDUCTION.—If the sums appropriated under section 303 for any fiscal year and available for grants to States under section 306(a) are not sufficient to pay in full the total amounts that all States are entitled to receive under subsection (a) for such fiscal year, then the maximum amounts that all States are entitled to receive under subsection (a) for such fiscal year shall be ratably reduced. In the event that additional funds become available for making such grants for any fiscal year during which the preceding sentence is applicable, such reduced amounts shall be increased on the same basis as they were reduced.

(d) REALLOTMENT.—If, at the end of the sixth month of any fiscal year for which sums are appropriated under section 303, the amount allotted to a State has not been made available to such State in a grant under section 306(a) because of the failure of such State to meet the requirements for such a grant, then the Secretary shall reallot such amount to States that meet such requirements.

(e) CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—All funds allotted to a State for a fiscal year under this section, and made available to such State in a grant under section 306(a), shall remain available for obligation by the State until the end of the following fiscal year. All such funds that are not obligated by the State by the end of the following fiscal year shall be made available to the Secretary for discretionary activities [under section 314] *under this title*. Such funds shall remain available for obligation, and for expenditure by a recipient of the funds [under section 314] *under this title*, for not more than 1 year from the date on which the funds are made available to the Secretary.

[(f) DEFINITION.—In subsection (a)(2), the term "State" does not include any jurisdiction specified in subsection (a)(1).]

SEC. 306. FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.

(a) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—The Secretary shall award grants to States in order to assist in supporting the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects—

(1) to prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

(2) to provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community-based programs for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*; and

(3) to provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, underserved populations, and victims who are *Indians, members of Indian Tribes, or* members of racial and ethnic minority populations.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Each State may use not more than 5 percent of the grant funds for State administrative costs.

(2) SUBGRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The State shall use the remainder of the grant funds to make subgrants to eligible entities for approved purposes as described in section 308.

(c) GRANT CONDITIONS.—

(1) APPROVED ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the activities under this title, grantees and subgrantees may collaborate with and provide information to Federal, State, local, and tribal public officials and agencies, in accordance with limitations on disclosure of confidential or private information as described in paragraph (5), to develop and implement policies to reduce or eliminate family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.

(2) DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED.—

[(A) APPLICATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROVISIONS.—For the purpose of applying the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), on the basis of disability under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), on the basis of sex under title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), or on the basis of race, color, or national origin under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), programs and activities funded in whole or in part with funds

made available under this title are considered to be programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.]

(A) APPLICATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROVISIONS.—Programs and activities funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title are considered to be programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance for the purpose of applying the prohibitions against discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), section 40002(b)(13)(A) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13)(A)), and title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.).

(B) PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION ON BASIS OF SEX, RELIGION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—No person shall on the ground of sex*, including sexual orientation or gender identity,* or religion be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title. [Nothing in this title shall require any such program or activity to include any individual in any program or activity without taking into consideration that individual's sex in those certain instances where sex is a bona fide occupational qualification or programmatic factor reasonably necessary to the normal or safe operation of that particular program or activity.] *If sex-segregated or sex-specific programming is necessary to the essential operation of a program, nothing in this paragraph shall prevent any such program or activity from being provided in a sex-specific manner. In such circumstances, grantees may meet the requirements of this paragraph by providing comparable services to individuals who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated or sex-specific programming.*

(ii) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary shall enforce the provisions of clause (i) in accordance with section 602 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d–1). Section 603 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 2000d–2) shall apply with respect to any action taken by the Secretary to enforce such clause.

(iii) CONSTRUCTION.—This subparagraph shall not be construed as affecting any legal remedy provided under any other provision of law.

(C) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY.—Whenever the Secretary finds that a State, [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe*, or other entity that has received financial assistance under this title has failed to comply with a provision of law referred to in subparagraph (A), with subparagraph (B), or with an applicable regulation (including one prescribed to carry out subparagraph (B)), the Secretary shall notify the chief executive officer of the State involved

or the [tribally] *Tribally* designated official of the tribe involved and shall request such officer or official to secure compliance. If, within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 60 days, the chief executive officer or official fails or refuses to secure compliance, the Secretary may—

(i) refer the matter to the Attorney General with a recommendation that an appropriate civil action be instituted;

(ii) exercise the powers and functions provided by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), sections 504 and 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794, 794(a)), or title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), as may be applicable; or

(iii) take such other action as may be provided by law.

(D) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.—When a matter is referred to the Attorney General pursuant to subparagraph (C)(i), or whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe that a State, an [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe*, or an entity described in subparagraph (C) is engaged in a pattern or practice in violation of a provision of law referred to in subparagraph (A) or in violation of subparagraph (B), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in any appropriate district court of the United States for such relief as may be appropriate, including injunctive relief.

(3) INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS.—No income eligibility standard may be imposed upon individuals with respect to eligibility for assistance or services supported with funds appropriated to carry out this title. No fees may be levied for assistance or services provided with funds appropriated to carry out this title.

[(4) MATCH.—No grant shall be made under this section to any entity other than a State or an Indian tribe unless the entity agrees that, with respect to the costs to be incurred by the entity in carrying out the program or project for which the grant is awarded, the entity will make available (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-Federal contributions in an amount that is not less than $1 for every $5 of Federal funds provided under the grant. The non-Federal contributions required under this paragraph may be in cash or in kind.]

[(5)] *(4)* NONDISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVATE INFORMATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In order to ensure the safety of adult, youth, and child victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their families, grantees and subgrantees under this title shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of such victims and their families. *The nondisclosure of confidential or private information requirements under section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)) shall apply to grantees and subgrantees under this title in the*

same manner such requirements apply to grantees and subgrantees under such Act.

[(B) NONDISCLOSURE.—Subject to subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E), grantees and subgrantees shall not—

[(i) disclose any personally identifying information collected in connection with services requested (including services utilized or denied), through grantees' and subgrantees' programs; or

[(ii) reveal personally identifying information without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent by the person about whom information is sought, whether for this program or any other Federal or State grant program, which consent—

[(I) shall be given by—

[(aa) the person, except as provided in item (bb) or (cc);

[(bb) in the case of an unemancipated minor, the minor and the minor's parent or guardian; or

[(cc) in the case of an individual with a guardian, the individual's guardian; and

[(II) may not be given by the abuser or suspected abuser of the minor or individual with a guardian, or the abuser or suspected abuser of the other parent of the minor.

[(C) RELEASE.—If release of information described in subparagraph (B) is compelled by statutory or court mandate—

[(i) grantees and subgrantees shall make reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the release of the information; and

[(ii) grantees and subgrantees shall take steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of the information.

[(D) INFORMATION SHARING.—Grantees and subgrantees may share—

[(i) nonpersonally identifying information, in the aggregate, regarding services to their clients and demographic nonpersonally identifying information in order to comply with Federal, State, or tribal reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements;

[(ii) court-generated information and law enforcement-generated information contained in secure, governmental registries for protective order enforcement purposes; and

[(iii) law enforcement- and prosecution-generated information necessary for law enforcement and prosecution purposes.]

[(E)] *(B)* OVERSIGHT.—Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Secretary from disclosing grant activities authorized in this title to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and exercising congressional oversight authority. In making all such disclosures, the Secretary shall protect the

confidentiality of individuals and omit personally identifying information, including location information about individuals and shelters.

[(F) STATUTORILY PERMITTED REPORTS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT.—Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a grantee or subgrantee from reporting abuse and neglect, as those terms are defined by law, where mandated or expressly permitted by the State or Indian tribe involved.]

[(G)] *(C)* PREEMPTION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to supersede any provision of any Federal, State, [tribal] *Tribal*, or local law that provides greater protection than this paragraph for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

[(H)] *(D)* CONFIDENTIALITY OF LOCATION.—The address or location of any shelter facility assisted under this title that otherwise maintains a confidential location shall, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter, not be made public.

[(6)] *(5)* SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Federal funds made available to a State or [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe* under this title shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, [tribal] *Tribal*, and local public funds expended to provide services and activities that promote the objectives of this title.

(d) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each grantee shall submit an annual performance report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such performance report shall describe the grantee and subgrantee activities that have been carried out with grant funds made available under subsection (a) or section 309, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, *and information on the development and implementation of barrier removal plans to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794)* and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

SEC. 307. STATE APPLICATION.

(a) APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The chief executive officer of a State seeking funds under section 306(a) or a [tribally] *Tribally* designated official seeking funds under section 309(a) shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may reasonably require. *For purposes of section 2007(c)(3) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, a State's application under this paragraph shall be deemed to be a "State plan".*

(2) CONTENTS.—Each such application shall—

(A) provide a description of the procedures that have been developed to ensure compliance with the provisions of sections 306(c) and 308(d);

(B) provide, with respect to funds described in paragraph (1), [assurances] *certifications* that—

(i) not more than 5 percent of such funds will be used for administrative costs;

(ii) the remaining funds will be distributed to eligible entities as described in section 308(a) for approved activities as described in section 308(b); and

(iii) in the distribution of funds by a State under section 308(a), the State will give special emphasis to the support of community-based projects of demonstrated effectiveness, that are carried out by nonprofit private organizations and that—

(I) have as their primary purpose the [operation of shelters] *provision of shelter* for victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*; or

(II) provide counseling, advocacy, and self-help services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*;

(C) in the case of an application submitted by a State, provide [an assurance] *a certification* that there will be an equitable distribution of grants and grant funds within the State and between urban and rural areas within such State;

(D) in the case of an application submitted by a State, provide [an assurance] *a certification* that the State will consult with and provide for the participation of the State Domestic Violence Coalition in the [planning and monitoring] *planning, coordination, and monitoring* of the distribution of grants to eligible entities as described in section 308(a) [and the administration of the grant programs and projects]*, the administration of the grant programs and projects, and the establishment of service standards and best practices for grantees*;

(E) describe how the State or [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe* will involve community-based organizations, whose primary purpose is to provide culturally appropriate services [to underserved populations, including how such community-based organizations can assist the State or Indian tribe in addressing the unmet needs of such populations;] *for individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups, Tribal populations, and other underserved populations, in the State planning process, and how the State plan addresses the unmet needs of such populations, including a certification and description of how the State or Indian Tribe will disseminate information about the national resource centers authorized under section 310;*

(F) describe how activities and services provided by the State or [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe* are designed to reduce family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, including how funds will be used to provide shelter, supportive services, and prevention services in accordance with section 308(b);

(G) specify the State agency or [tribally] *Tribally* designated official to be designated as responsible for the administration of programs and activities relating to family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, that are

carried out by the State or [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe* under this title, and for coordination of related programs within the jurisdiction of the State or [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe*;

(H) describe how activities and services provided by the State or Indian Tribe are designed to promote trauma-informed care, autonomy, and privacy for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and their children and dependents, including in the design and delivery of shelter services;

[(H)] *(I)* provide [an assurance] *a certification* that the State or Indian [tribe] *Tribe* has a law or procedure to bar*, remove, or exclude* an abuser from a shared household or a household of the abused person, which may include eviction laws or procedures, where appropriate; [and]

[(I)] *(J)* meet such requirements as the Secretary reasonably determines are necessary to carry out the objectives and provisions of this title[.]*; and*

(K) provide a certification that all funded entities demonstrate the ability to provide services for Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794).

(b) APPROVAL OF APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall approve any application that meets the requirements of subsection (a) and section 306. The Secretary shall not disapprove any application under this subsection unless the Secretary gives the applicant reasonable notice of the Secretary's intention to disapprove and a 6-month period providing an opportunity for correction of any deficiencies.

(2) CORRECTION OF DEFICIENCIES.—The Secretary shall give such notice, within 45 days after the date of submission of the application, if any of the provisions of subsection (a) or section 306 have not been satisfied in such application. If the State or Indian [tribe] *Tribe* does not correct the deficiencies in such application within the 6-month period following the receipt of the Secretary's notice, the Secretary shall withhold payment of any grant funds under section 306 to such State or under section 309 to such Indian [tribe] *Tribe* until such date as the State or Indian [tribe] *Tribe* provides documentation that the deficiencies have been corrected.

(3) STATE OR TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION PARTICIPATION IN DETERMINATIONS OF COMPLIANCE.—State Domestic Violence Coalitions, or comparable coalitions for [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes*, shall be permitted to participate in determining whether grantees for corresponding States or [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* are in compliance with subsection (a) and section 306(c), except that no funds made available under section 311 shall be used to challenge a determination about whether a grantee is in compliance with, or to seek the enforcement of, the requirements of this title.

(4) FAILURE TO REPORT; NONCONFORMING EXPENDITURES.—The Secretary shall suspend funding for an approved application if the applicant fails to submit an annual performance re-

port under section 306(d), or if funds are expended for purposes other than those set forth in section 306(b), after following the procedures set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3).

SEC. 308. SUBGRANTS AND USES OF FUNDS.

(a) SUBGRANTS.—A State that receives a grant under section 306(a) shall use grant funds described in section 306(b)(2) to provide subgrants to eligible entities for programs and projects within such State, [that is designed] *that are designed* to prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence by providing immediate shelter and supportive services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence (and their [dependents] *children and dependents*), and that may provide prevention services to prevent future incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded to eligible entities under subsection (a) shall be used to provide [shelter, supportive services, or prevention services] *shelter or supportive services* to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*, *or prevention services* which may [include—] *include making material improvements in the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communication, or digital services, as well as—*

(A) provision, on a regular basis, of immediate shelter and related supportive services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*, including paying for the operating and administrative expenses of the facilities for such shelter;

(B) assistance in [developing safety plans] *safety planning*, and supporting efforts of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to make decisions related to their ongoing safety and well-being;

(C) provision of individual and group counseling, peer support groups, and referral to community-based services to assist family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence victims, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*, in recovering from the effects of the violence;

(D) provision of services, training, technical assistance, and outreach to increase awareness of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and increase the accessibility of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence services;

(E) provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services *for racial and ethnic minority groups*;

(F) provision of shelter and services to underserved populations;

[(F)] *(G)* provision of services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including age-appropriate counseling, supportive services, and services for the nonabusing parent that support that parent's role as a caregiver, which may, as appropriate, include services that work with the nonabusing parent and child together;

[(G)] *(H)* provision of advocacy, case management services, and information and referral services, concerning issues related to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence intervention and prevention, including—

(i) assistance in accessing related [Federal and State] *Federal, State, and local* financial assistance programs;

(ii) legal advocacy to assist victims and their [dependents] *children and dependents*;

(iii) medical advocacy, including provision of referrals for appropriate health care services (including [mental health, alcohol, and drug abuse treatment), but which shall not include reimbursement for any health care services] *mental health and substance use disorder treatment)*;

(iv) assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homelessness prevention services;

(v) provision of transportation, child care, respite care, job training and employment services, financial literacy services and education, financial planning, and related economic empowerment services[; and]*;*

(vi) language assistance, including translation of written materials and telephonic and in-person interpreter services, for victims with limited English proficiency, victims who are Deaf or hard of hearing, victims with sensory disabilities (including individuals who are blind or low vision), victims with speech-related disabilities, and victims with other disabilities; and

[(vi)] *(vii)* parenting and other educational services for victims and their [dependents] *children and dependents*; [and]

[(H)] *(I)* prevention services, including outreach to underserved populations[.]*; and*

(J) partnerships that enhance the design and delivery of services to victims and their children and dependents.

(2) SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Not less than 70 percent of the funds distributed by a State under subsection (a) shall be distributed to entities for the primary purpose of providing immediate shelter and supportive services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*, as described in paragraph (1)(A). Not less than 25 percent of the funds distributed by a State under subsection (a) shall be distributed to entities for the purpose of providing [supportive services and prevention services] *supportive services or prevention services* as described in subparagraphs (B) [through (H)] *through (I)* of paragraph (1).

(3) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USE OF FUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS TO ACCESSIBILITY.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

(A) Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities experience domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence at disproportionate rates;

(B) domestic violence shelters are often not equipped to provide effective services to Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities, which can act as an impediment to victims seeking and receiving services; and

(C) the Secretary should allow subgrant funds received under this section to be used for making material improvements in the accessibility of physical structures, transportation, communication, or digital services.

(c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a subgrant from a State under this section, an entity shall be—

(1) [a local public agency, or] a nonprofit private organization (including faith-based and charitable organizations, community-based organizations, [tribal organizations, and voluntary associations),] *Tribal organizations and voluntary associations) or a local public agency* that assists victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*, and has a documented history of effective work concerning family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence; or

[(2) a partnership of 2 or more agencies or organizations that includes—

[(A) an agency or organization described in paragraph (1); and

[(B) an agency or organization that has a demonstrated history of serving populations in their communities, including providing culturally appropriate services.]

(2) an organization whose primary purpose is to provide culturally appropriate services to racial and ethnic minority groups, Tribal communities, or other underserved populations, that does not have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, but that is in partnership with an organization described in paragraph (1).

[(d) CONDITIONS.—

[(1) DIRECT PAYMENTS TO VICTIMS OR DEPENDANTS.—No funds provided under this title may be used as direct payment to any victim of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, or to any dependent of such victim.

[(2) VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED SERVICES.—Receipt of supportive services under this title shall be voluntary. No condition may be applied for the receipt of emergency shelter as described in subsection (b)(1)(A).]

(d) VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED SERVICES.—Participation in services under this title shall be voluntary. Receipt of the benefits of shelter described in subsection (b)(1)(A) shall not be conditioned upon the participation of the adult or youth, or their children or dependents, in any or all of the services offered under this title.

SEC. 309. GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, in consultation with [tribal] *Tribal* governments pursuant to Executive Order No. 13175 (25 U.S.C. 450 note) and in accordance with section 903 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 ([42 U.S.C. 14045d] *34 U.S.C. 20126*), shall continue to award grants for [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* from

amounts appropriated under [section 303(a)(2)(B)] *section 303 and made available* to carry out this section.

(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be an [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe*, or a [tribal organization] *Tribal organization* or nonprofit private organization authorized by an [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe*. An [Indian tribe] *Indian Tribe* shall have the option to authorize a [tribal organization] *Tribal organization* or a nonprofit private organization to submit an application and administer the grant funds awarded under this section.

(c) CONDITIONS.—Each recipient of such a grant shall comply with requirements that are consistent with the requirements applicable to grantees under section 306.

(d) GRANTEE APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall submit an application to the Secretary under section 307 at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary determines to be essential to carry out the objectives and provisions of this title. The Secretary shall approve any application that meets requirements consistent with the requirements of section 306(c) and section 307(a).

(e) USE OF FUNDS.—An amount provided under a grant to an eligible entity shall be used for the services described in section 308(b)

SEC. 310. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.

(a) PURPOSE AND GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

(1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to provide resource information, training, and technical assistance relating to the objectives of this title to improve the capacity of individuals, organizations, governmental entities, and communities to prevent family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and to provide effective intervention services.

(2) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From the amounts appropriated [under this title and reserved under section 303(a)(2)(C)] *under section 303 and made available to carry out this section*, the Secretary—

(A) shall award grants to eligible entities for the establishment and maintenance of—

(i) 2 national resource centers (as provided for in subsection (b)(1))[; and]*;*

(ii) at least [7] *10* special issue resource centers addressing key areas of domestic violence, *dating violence, and family violence,* and intervention and prevention (as provided for in subsection (b)(2)); and

(iii) an Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, to reduce disparities in the rate of such violence within the Alaska Native population; and

(B) may award [grants, to] *grants to entities that focus on other critical issues, such as*—

(i) State resource centers to reduce disparities in domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence,* in States with high proportions of Indian [(including Alaska Native)] or Native Hawaiian populations (as provided for in subsection (b)(3)); [and]

[(ii) support training and technical assistance that address emerging issues related to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, to entities demonstrating related expertise.]

(ii) entities demonstrating expertise related to—

(I) addressing the housing needs of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence victims and their children and dependents;

(II) developing leadership and advocacy skills among individuals from underserved populations; or

(III) addressing other emerging issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence.

(b) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTERS.—

(1) NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities for—

(A) a National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, which shall—

(i) offer a comprehensive array of technical assistance and training resources to Federal, State, and local governmental agencies, domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* service providers, community-based organizations, and other professionals and interested parties, related to domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* service programs and research, including programs and research related to victims and their children *and dependents* who are exposed to domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence*; and

(ii) maintain a central *online* resource library in order to collect, prepare, analyze, and disseminate information and statistics related to—

(I) the incidence and prevention of [family violence and domestic violence] *domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence*; and

(II) the provision of shelter, supportive services, and prevention services to adult and youth victims of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* (including services to prevent repeated incidents of violence); and

(B) a National Indian Resource Center Addressing Domestic Violence and Safety for Indian Women, which shall—

(i) offer a comprehensive array of technical assistance and training resources to Indian [tribes and tribal organizations] *Tribes and Tribal organizations*, specifically designed to enhance the capacity of [the tribes] *the Tribes* and organizations to respond to domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and the findings of section 901 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 ([42 U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note] *34 U.S.C. 10452 note*);

(ii) enhance the intervention and prevention efforts of Indian [tribes and tribal organizations] *Tribes and Tribal organizations* to respond to domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and increase the safety of Indian women in support of the purposes of section 902 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 ([42. U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note] *34 U.S.C. 10452 note*); and

(iii) coordinate activities with other Federal agencies, offices, and grantees that address the needs of Indians (including Alaska Natives), and Native Hawaiians that experience domestic violence, *dating violence, and family violence,* including the Office of Justice Services at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services, and *the Office for Victims of Crime and* the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice.

(2) SPECIAL ISSUE RESOURCE CENTERS.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii), the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities for special issue resource centers, which shall be national in scope and shall provide information, training, and technical assistance to [State and local domestic violence service providers] *support effective policy, practice, research, and cross systems collaboration*. Each special issue resource center shall focus on enhancing domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* intervention and prevention efforts in at least one of the following areas:

(A) The response of the criminal and civil justice systems to domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* victims, [which may include the response to the use of the self-defense plea by domestic violence victims and the issuance and use of protective orders] *including the issuance and use of protective orders, batterers' intervention programming, and responses to charged, incarcerated, and re-entering domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence victims*.

(B) The response of child protective service agencies to victims of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and their [dependents] *children* and child custody issues in domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* cases.

(C) The response of the interdisciplinary health care system to victims of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and access to health care resources for victims of domestic violence*, and the response of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs and other community organizations with respect to health advocacy and addressing the health of victims*.

[(D) The response of mental health systems, domestic violence service programs, and other related systems and programs to victims of domestic violence and to their children who are exposed to domestic violence.]

(D) The response of mental health, substance use disorder treatment and recovery, domestic violence, dating violence,

and family violence and related systems and programs to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and their children and dependents who experience psychological trauma, mental health needs, or substance-use-related needs.

(E) In the case of 3 specific resource centers, enhancing domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* intervention and prevention efforts for victims of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, to enhance the cultural and linguistic relevancy of service delivery, resource utilization, policy, research, technical assistance, community education, and prevention initiatives.

(F) The response of the domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs and related systems to victims who are underserved due to sexual orientation or gender identity, including expanding the capacity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organizations to respond to and prevent domestic violence.

(G) Strengthening the organizational capacity of State, territorial, and Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence coalitions and of State, territorial, and Tribal administrators who distribute funds under this title to community-based domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs, with the aim of better enabling such coalitions and administrators—

(i) to collaborate and respond effectively to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

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

(iii) to implement best practices to meet the emerging needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and their families, children, and dependents.

(H) The response of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers to victims who are Deaf and victims with disabilities, including expanding the capacity of community-based organizations serving individuals who are Deaf and individuals with disabilities to respond to, and prevent, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

(3) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CENTER.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall award a grant to an eligible entity for an Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic violence to reduce Tribal disparities, which shall—

(A) offer a comprehensive array of technical assistance and training resources to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, specifically designed to enhance the capacity of the Tribes and organizations to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and the findings of section 901 and purposes in section 902 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

(B) coordinate all projects and activities with the national resource center described in paragraph (1)(B), in-

cluding projects and activities that involve working with non-Tribal State and local governments to enhance their capacity to understand the unique needs of Alaska Natives;

(C) work with non-Tribal State and local governments and domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service providers to enhance their capacity to understand the unique needs of Alaska Natives;

(D) provide comprehensive community education and domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence prevention initiatives in a culturally sensitive and relevant manner; and

(E) coordinate activities with other Federal agencies, offices, and grantees that address the needs of Alaska Natives that experience domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, including the Office of Justice Services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, and the Office for Victims of Crime and the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice.

[(3)] *(4)* STATE RESOURCE CENTERS TO REDUCE TRIBAL DISPARITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Secretary may award grants to eligible entities for State resource centers, which shall provide statewide information, training, and technical assistance to [Indian tribes, tribal organizations] *Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations*, and local domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* service organizations serving Indians [(including Alaska Natives)] or Native Hawaiians, in a culturally sensitive and relevant manner.

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible entity shall use a grant provided under this paragraph—

(i) to offer a comprehensive array of technical assistance and training resources to [Indian tribes, tribal organizations] *Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations*, and providers of services to Indians [(including Alaska Natives)] or Native Hawaiians, specifically designed to enhance the capacity of [the tribes] *the Tribes*, organizations, and providers to respond to domestic violence, including offering the resources in States in which the population of Indians [(including Alaska Natives)] or Native Hawaiians exceeds 2.5 percent of the total population of the State;

(ii) to coordinate all projects and activities with the national resource center described in paragraph (1)(B), including projects and activities that involve working with [nontribal] *non-Tribal* State and local governments to enhance their capacity to understand the unique needs of Indians [(including Alaska Natives)] and Native Hawaiians; and

(iii) to provide comprehensive community education and domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* prevention initiatives in a culturally sensitive and relevant manner.

(c) ELIGIBILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (b)(1)(A) or subparagraph (A), (B), (C), [or (D)] *(D), (F), or (G)* of subsection (b)(2), an entity shall be a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and that—

(A) provides documentation to the Secretary demonstrating experience working directly on issues of domestic violence, *dating violence, and family violence,* and (in the case of an entity seeking a grant under subsection (b)(2)) demonstrating experience working directly in the corresponding specific special issue area described in subsection (b)(2);

[(B) includes on the entity's advisory board representatives who are from domestic violence service programs and who are geographically and culturally diverse; and]

(B) includes individuals with demonstrated experience working in domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs, and, with respect to grantees described in subsection (b)(2)(F), individuals with demonstrated expertise in serving the targeted communities on the board of directors (or advisory committee) and on the staff; and

(C) demonstrates the strong support of domestic violence service programs from across the Nation for the entity's designation as a national resource center or a special issue resource center, as appropriate.

(2) NATIONAL INDIAN RESOURCE CENTER.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (b)(1)(B), an entity shall be a [tribal organization] *Tribal organization* or a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on issues of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* within [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* and that submits documentation to the Secretary demonstrating—

(A) experience working with [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* and tribal organizations to respond to domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and the findings of section 901 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 ([42 U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note] *34 U.S.C. 10452 note*);

(B) experience providing [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* and tribal organizations with assistance in developing [tribally] *Tribally*-based prevention and intervention services addressing domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and safety for Indian women consistent with the purposes of section 902 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 ([42 U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note] *34 U.S.C. 10452 note*);

(C) strong support for the entity's designation as the National Indian Resource Center Addressing Domestic Violence and Safety for Indian Women from advocates working within [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* to address domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* and the safety of Indian women;

(D) a record of demonstrated effectiveness in assisting [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* and tribal organizations

with prevention and intervention services addressing domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence*; and

(E) the capacity to serve [Indian tribes] *Indian Tribes* (including Alaska Native villages and regional and village corporations) across the United States.

(3) SPECIAL ISSUE RESOURCE CENTERS CONCERNED WITH RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (b)(2)(E), an entity shall be an entity that—

(A) is a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on issues of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* in a racial or ethnic community, or is a public or private nonprofit educational institution that has a domestic violence*, dating violence, or family violence* institute, center, or program related to culturally specific issues in domestic violence; and

(B)(i) has documented experience in the areas of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* prevention and services, and experience relevant to the specific racial or ethnic population to which information, training, technical assistance, and outreach would be provided under the grant;

(ii) demonstrates the strong support, of advocates from across the Nation who are working to address domestic violence[; and]*;*

(iii) has a record of demonstrated effectiveness in enhancing the cultural and linguistic relevancy of service delivery[.]*; and*

(iv) has a board of directors (or advisory committee) and staff with demonstrated expertise in serving the targeted community.

(4) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (b)(3), an entity shall be a Tribal organization or a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence within Tribes in Alaska that submits information to the Secretary demonstrating—

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

(B) experience providing Alaska Tribes and Tribal organizations with assistance in developing Tribally based prevention and intervention services addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and safety for Indian women consistent with the purposes of section 902 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

(C) strong support for the entity's designation as the Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from advocates work-

ing with Alaska Tribes to address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and the safety of Alaska Native women;

(D) a record of demonstrated effectiveness in assisting Alaska Tribes and Tribal organizations with prevention and intervention services addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence; and

(E) the capacity to serve Tribes across the State of Alaska.

[(4)] *(5)* STATE RESOURCE CENTERS TO REDUCE TRIBAL DISPARITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection [(b)(3),] *(b)(4),* an entity shall—

(A)(i) be located in a State in which the population of Indians [(including Alaska Natives)] or Native Hawaiians exceeds 10 percent of the total population of the State; or

(ii) be an [Indian tribe, tribal organization] *Indian Tribe, Tribal organization*, or Native Hawaiian organization that focuses primarily on issues of domestic violence*, dating violence, and family violence* among Indians or Native Hawaiians, or an institution of higher education; and

(B) demonstrate the ability to serve all regions of the State, including underdeveloped areas and areas that are geographically distant from population centers.

(d) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity receiving a grant under this section shall submit a performance report to the Secretary annually and in such manner as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such performance report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

SEC. 311. GRANTS TO STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.

(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants for the funding of State Domestic Violence Coalitions.

(b) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appropriated under [section 303(a)(2)(D)] *section 303 and made available to carry out this section* for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot to each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each of the covered territories an amount equal to 1/56 of the amount so appropriated for such fiscal year.

(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term "covered territories" means Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(c) APPLICATION.—Each State Domestic Violence Coalition desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary determines to be essential to carry out the objectives of this section. The application submitted by the coalition for the grant shall provide documentation of the coalition's work, satisfactory to the Secretary, demonstrating that the coalition—

(1) meets all of the applicable requirements set forth in this title; and

(2) demonstrates the ability to conduct appropriately all activities described in this section, as indicated by—

(A) documented experience in administering Federal grants to conduct the activities described in subsection (d); or

(B) a documented history of active participation in the activities described in paragraphs (1), (3), (4), and (5) of subsection (d) and a demonstrated capacity to conduct the activities described in subsection (d)(2).

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A coalition that receives a grant under this section shall use the grant funds for administration and operations to further the purposes of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence intervention and prevention, through activities that [shall include]—

(1) [working with local] *shall include—*

(A) working with local family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence service programs and providers of direct services to encourage appropriate and comprehensive responses to*, and evidence-informed prevention of,* family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence against adults or youth within the State involved, including providing training and technical assistance and conducting State needs assessments;

[(2)] *(B)* participating in planning and monitoring the distribution of subgrants and subgrant funds within the State under section 308(a);

[(3)] *(C)* working in collaboration with service providers and community-based organizations to address the needs of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence victims, and their [dependents] *children and dependents*, who are members of racial and ethnic minority populations and underserved populations; *and*

(D) collaborating with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations (and corresponding Native Hawaiian groups or communities) to address the needs of Indian (including Alaska Native) and Native Hawaiian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, as applicable in the State; and

[(4) collaborating with and providing] *(2) may include—*

(A) collaborating with and providing information to entities in such fields as housing, [health care, mental health] *health care (including mental health and substance use disorder treatment)*, social welfare, or business to support the development and implementation of effective policies, protocols, and programs that address the safety and support needs of adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

[(5)] *(B)* encouraging appropriate responses to cases of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence against adults or youth, including by working with judicial and law enforcement agencies;

[(6)] *(C)* working with family law judges, criminal court judges, child protective service agencies, and children's advocates to develop appropriate responses to child custody and visitation issues in cases of child exposure to family

violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and in cases in which—

[(A)] *(i)* family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence is present; and

[(B) child abuse is present;] *(ii) there is a co-occurrence of child abuse; and*

[(7)] *(D)* providing information to the public about prevention of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, including information targeted to underserved populations[; and].

[(8) collaborating with Indian tribes and tribal organizations (and corresponding Native Hawaiian groups or communities) to address the needs of Indian (including Alaska Native) and Native Hawaiian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, as applicable in the State.]

[(e) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—A coalition that receives a grant under this section shall not be required to use funds received under this title for the purposes described in paragraph (5) or (6) of subsection (d) if the coalition provides an annual assurance to the Secretary that the coalition is—

[(1) using funds received under section 2001(c)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg(c)(1)) for such purposes; and

[(2) coordinating the activities carried out by the coalition under subsection (d) with the State's activities under part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg et seq.) that address those purposes.]

[(f)] *(e)* PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING.—No funds made available to entities under this section shall be used, directly or indirectly, to influence the issuance, amendment, or revocation of any executive order or similar promulgation by any Federal, State, or local agency, or to undertake to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by Congress, or by any State or local legislative body, or State proposals by initiative petition, except that the representatives of the entity may testify or make other appropriate communication—

(1) when formally requested to do so by a legislative body, a committee, or a member of the body or committee; or

(2) in connection with legislation or appropriations directly affecting the activities of the entity.

[(g)] *(f)* REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity receiving a grant under this section shall submit a performance report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such performance report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

[(h)] *(g)* INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES.—For purposes of this section, a State Domestic Violence Coalition may include representatives of [Indian tribes and tribal organizations] *Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations*.

SEC. 311A. GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Beginning with fiscal year 2022, out of amounts appropriated under section 303 and made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities in accordance with this section.

(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalition that is recognized by the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice that provides services to Indian Tribes.

(c) APPLICATION.—Each Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalition desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. The application submitted by the coalition for the grant shall provide documentation of the coalition's work, demonstrating that the coalition—

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

(2) has the ability to conduct all activities described in this section, as indicated by—

(A) a documented experience in administering Federal grants to conduct the activities described in subsection (d); or

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

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

(1) working with local Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence service programs and providers of direct services to encourage appropriate and comprehensive responses to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence against adults or youth within the Indian Tribes served, including providing training and technical assistance and conducting Tribal needs assessments;

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

(3) working in collaboration with Tribal service providers and community-based organizations to address the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and their children and dependents;

(4) collaborating with, and providing information to, entities in such fields as housing, health care (including mental health and substance use disorder treatment), social welfare, education, and law enforcement to support the development and implementation of effective policies;

(5) supporting the development and implementation of effective policies, protocols, and programs that address the safety and support needs of adult and youth Tribal victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

(6) encouraging appropriate responses to cases of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence against adults or youth, by working with Tribal, State, and Federal judicial agencies and law enforcement agencies;

(7) working with Tribal, State, and Federal judicial agencies, including family law judges, criminal court judges, child protective service agencies, and children's advocates to develop appropriate responses to child custody and visitation issues—

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

(B) in cases in which—

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

(ii) child abuse is present;

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

(9) assisting Indian Tribes' participation in, and attendance of, Federal and State consultations on domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, including consultations mandated by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. 20101 et seq.), or this title; and

(10) providing shelter or supportive services to Tribal adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and their children and dependents.

(e) REALLOCATION.—If, at the end of the sixth month of any fiscal year for which sums are appropriated under section 303 and made available to carry out this section, a portion of the available amount has not been awarded to Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalitions for grants under this section because of the failure of such coalitions to meet the requirements for such grants, then the Secretary shall award such portion, in equal shares, to Tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence coalitions that meet such requirements.

SEC. 312. SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR [ABUSED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN] *PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.*

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a grant program to expand the capacity of [family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence service programs and community-based programs to prevent future domestic violence by addressing, in an appropriate manner, the needs of children] *domestic violence, dating violence, family violence, and culturally specific community-based programs to serve children and youth* exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence*, and to support the caregiving capacity of adult victims or other caregivers*.

(2) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make grants to eligible entities through the program established under paragraph (1) for periods of not [more than 2] *less than 3* years. If the Secretary determines that an entity has received such a grant and been successful in meeting the objectives of the grant application submitted under subsection (c), the Secretary may renew the grant for 1 additional period of not more than 2 years.

(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a local *or State domestic violence,*

dating violence, and family violence services agency, a nonprofit private organization (including faith-based and charitable organizations, community-based organizations, and voluntary associations), *a culturally specific organization,* or a [tribal organization] *Tribal organization*, with a demonstrated record of serving *adult and child* victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence [and their children].

(c) APPLICATION.—An entity seeking a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require, including—

[(1) a description of how the entity will prioritize the safety of, and confidentiality of information about—

[(A) victims of family violence, victims of domestic violence, and victims of dating violence; and

[(B) children of victims described in subparagraph (A);]

(1) a description of how the entity will prioritize the safety of, and confidentiality of information about adult and child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

(2) a description of how the entity will provide [developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate services, and culturally and linguistically appropriate services, to the victims and children; and] *trauma-informed and age, gender, developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate services to children and youth, and their caregivers;*

(3) a description of how the entity will ensure that professionals working with the children receive the training and technical assistance [appropriate and relevant to the unique needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.] *relevant to the unique needs of children and youth exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, including children and youth with disabilities and children from underserved populations, and address the parent's or caregiver's ongoing caregiving capacity; and*

(4) a description of prevention activities targeting child and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives a grant under this section for a family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence service or [community-based program described in subsection (a)] *culturally specific, community-based program*—

(1) shall use the funds made available through the grant—

(A) to provide direct counseling, appropriate services consistent with subsection (c)(2), or advocacy on behalf of [victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their children] *child and adult victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including children and youth with disabilities and children and youth from underserved populations*, including coordinating services with services provided by the child welfare system *or the health system*;

(B) to provide services for nonabusing parents to support those parents' roles as caregivers and their roles in responding to the social, emotional, and developmental needs of their children; and

(C) where appropriate, to provide the services described in this subsection while working with such a nonabusing parent and child together; and

(2) may use the funds made available through the grant—

(A) to provide early childhood development and [mental] *behavioral* health services;

(B) to coordinate activities with and provide technical assistance to [community-based organizations serving victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence or children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence] *health, education, or other community-based organizations serving adult and child victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence*; and

(C) to provide additional services and referrals to services for children, including child care, transportation, *health,* educational support, respite care, supervised visitation, or other necessary services.

(e) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity receiving a grant under this section *shall participate in an evaluation and* shall submit a performance report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such performance report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, [contain an evaluation of] *information on* the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

SEC. 313. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award a grant to 1 or more private entities to provide for the ongoing operation of a 24-hour, national, toll-free [telephone] *telephonic and digital services* hotline to provide information and assistance to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family and household members of such victims, and persons affected by the victimization. The Secretary shall give priority to applicants with experience in operating [a hotline that provides] *a hotline and digital services that provide* assistance to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence*, and who provide information about healthy relationships for adults and youth*.

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

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

(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall submit an application to the Secretary that shall—

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

(2) include a complete description of the applicant's plan for the operation of a national domestic violence hotline *and digital services*, including descriptions of—

(A) the training program for [hotline personnel] *advocacy personnel*, including technology training to ensure that all persons affiliated with the hotline [are able to effectively operate any technological systems used by the hotline] *or digital services are able to effectively operate any technological systems used by the hotline or provide any digital services, as applicable*;

(B) the hiring criteria and qualifications for [hotline personnel] *advocacy personnel*;

(C) the methods for the creation, maintenance, and updating of a resource database;

(D) a plan for publicizing the availability of the hotline *and digital services*;

(E) a plan for providing service to non-English speaking callers, including service through hotline *and digital services* personnel who have non-English language capability;

(F) a plan for facilitating access to the hotline *and digital services* by [persons with hearing impairments] *individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, those with speech-related disabilities, those with sensory disabilities (including those who are blind or low vision), and individuals with other disabilities, including training for hotline and digital services personnel to support such access*; and

(G) a plan for providing assistance and referrals to youth victims of domestic violence and for victims of dating violence who are minors, which may be carried out through a national [teen dating violence hotline] *youth dating violence hotline and other digital services and resources*;

(3) demonstrate that the applicant has recognized expertise in the area of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and a record of high quality service to victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including a demonstration of support from advocacy groups and State Domestic Violence Coalitions;

(4) demonstrate that the applicant has the capacity and the expertise to maintain a domestic violence hotline*, digital services,* and a comprehensive database of service providers;

[(5) demonstrate the ability to provide information and referrals for callers, directly connect callers to service providers, and employ crisis interventions meeting the standards of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence providers;]

(5) demonstrate the ability to—

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

(B) directly connect callers or assist digital services users in connecting to service providers; and

(C) employ crisis interventions meeting the standards of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence providers;

(6) demonstrate the ability to provide information about healthy relationships for adults and youth;

[(6)] *(7)* demonstrate that the applicant has a commitment to diversity and to the provision of services to underserved populations, including to ethnic, racial, and non-English speaking

minorities, in addition to older individuals and individuals with disabilities;

[(7)] *(8)* demonstrate that the applicant complies with nondisclosure requirements as described in section 306(c)(5) and follows comprehensive quality assurance practices; and

[(8)] *(9)* contain such other information as the Secretary may require.

(e) HOTLINE *AND DIGITAL SERVICES* ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a grant under this section for activities described, in whole or in part, in subsection (a) shall use funds made available through the grant to establish and operate a 24-hour, national, toll-free [telephone hotline] *telephonic hotline and digital services* to provide information and [assistance to adult] *for the benefit of adult* and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and other individuals described in subsection (a).

(2) ACTIVITIES.—In establishing and operating the hotline, the entity—

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

(B) shall employ, train (including providing technology training), and supervise personnel to answer incoming calls[, provide counseling and referral services for callers on a 24-hour-a-day basis, and directly connect callers] *and digital services contracts, provide counseling, health relationship information, and referral services for callers and digital services users, on a 24-hour-a-day basis, and directly connect callers and digital services users* to service providers;

(C) shall assemble and maintain a database of information relating to services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to which callers *or digital services users* may be referred throughout the United States, including information on the availability of shelters and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

(D) shall widely publicize the hotline *and digital services* throughout the United States, including to potential users;

(E) shall provide assistance and referrals to meet the needs of [underserved populations] *racial and ethnic minority groups, Tribal and underserved populations,* and individuals with disabilities;

(F) shall provide assistance and referrals for youth victims of domestic violence and for victims of dating violence who are minors, which may be carried out through a national [teen dating violence hotline] *hotline or digital services*;

(G) may provide appropriate assistance and referrals for family and household members of victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and persons affected by the victimization described in subsection (a); and

(H) at the discretion of the hotline operator, may provide assistance, or referrals for counseling or intervention, for

identified adult and youth perpetrators, including self-identified perpetrators, of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, but shall not be required to provide such assistance or referrals in any circumstance in which the hotline operator fears the safety of a victim may be impacted by an abuser or suspected abuser.

(f) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—The entity receiving a grant under this section shall submit a performance report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such performance report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(g) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this section.

[SEC. 314. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH ALLIANCES (DELTA).

[(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements with State Domestic Violence Coalitions for the purposes of establishing, operating, and maintaining local community projects to prevent family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, including violence committed by and against youth, using a coordinated community response model and through prevention and education programs.

[(b) TERM.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement under this section for a period of not more than 5 fiscal years.

[(c) CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT.—The provision of payments under a cooperative agreement under this section shall be subject to—

[(1) annual approval by the Secretary; and

[(2) the availability of appropriations for each fiscal year to make the payments.

[(d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to enter into a cooperative agreement under this section, an organization shall—

[(1) be a State Domestic Violence Coalition; and

[(2) include representatives of pertinent sectors of the local community, which may include—

[(A) health care providers and State or local health departments;

[(B) the education community;

[(C) the faith-based community;

[(D) the criminal justice system;

[(E) family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence service program advocates;

[(F) human service entities such as State child services divisions;

[(G) business and civic leaders; and

[(H) other pertinent sectors.

[(e) APPLICATIONS.—An organization that desires to enter into a cooperative agreement under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application, in such form and in such manner as the Secretary shall require, that—

[(1) demonstrates the capacity of the applicant, who may enter into a partnership with a local family violence, domestic

violence, or dating violence service provider or community-based organization, to undertake the project involved;

[(2) demonstrates that the project will include a coordinated community response to improve and expand prevention strategies through increased communication and coordination among all affected sectors of the local community;

[(3) includes a complete description of the applicant's plan for the establishment and implementation of the coordinated community response, including a description of—

[(A) the method to be used for identification and selection of an administrative committee made up of persons knowledgeable about comprehensive family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence prevention planning to oversee the project, hire staff, assure compliance with the project outline, and secure annual evaluation of the project;

[(B) the method to be used for identification and selection of project staff and a project evaluator;

[(C) the method to be used for identification and selection of a project council consisting of representatives of the community sectors listed in subsection (d)(2); and

[(D) the method to be used for identification and selection of a steering committee consisting of representatives of the various community sectors who will chair subcommittees of the project council, each of which will focus on 1 of the sectors;

[(4) demonstrates that the applicant has experience in providing, or the capacity to provide, prevention-focused training and technical assistance;

[(5) demonstrates that the applicant has the capacity to carry out collaborative community initiatives to prevent family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and

[(6) contains such other information, agreements, and assurances as the Secretary may require.

[(f) GEOGRAPHICAL DISPERSION.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements under this section with organizations in States geographically dispersed throughout the Nation.

[(g) USE OF FUNDS.—

[(1) IN GENERAL.—An organization that enters into a cooperative agreement under subsection (a) shall use the funds made available through the agreement to establish, operate, and maintain comprehensive family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence prevention programming.

[(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION AND MONITORING.—The Secretary may use a portion of the funds provided under this section to—

[(A) provide technical assistance;

[(B) monitor the performance of organizations carrying out activities under the cooperative agreements; and

[(C) conduct an independent evaluation of the program carried out under this section.

[(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing and operating a project under this section, an eligible organization shall—

[(A) establish protocols to improve and expand family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence prevention

and intervention strategies within affected community sectors described in subsection (d)(2);

[(B) develop comprehensive prevention plans to coordinate prevention efforts with other community sectors;

[(C) provide for periodic evaluation of the project, and analysis to assist in replication of the prevention strategies used in the project in other communities, and submit a report under subsection (h) that contains the evaluation and analysis;

[(D) develop, replicate, or conduct comprehensive, evidence-informed primary prevention programs that reduce risk factors and promote protective factors that reduce the likelihood of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, which may include—

[(i) educational workshops and seminars;

[(ii) training programs for professionals;

[(iii) the preparation of informational material;

[(iv) developmentally appropriate education programs;

[(v) other efforts to increase awareness of the facts about, or to help prevent, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and

[(vi) the dissemination of information about the results of programs conducted under this subparagraph;

[(E) utilize evidence-informed prevention program planning; and

[(F) recognize, in applicable cases, the needs of underserved populations, racial and linguistic populations, and individuals with disabilities.

[(h) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each organization entering into a cooperative agreement under this section shall submit a performance report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such performance report shall describe activities that have been carried out with the funds made available through the agreement, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require. The Secretary shall make the evaluations received under this subsection publicly available on the Department of Health and Human Services website. The reports shall also be submitted to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.]

SEC. 313A. NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.

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

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

(c) CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT.—The provision of payments under a grant awarded under this section shall be subject to annual ap-

proval by the Secretary and subject to the availability of appropriations for each fiscal year to make the payments.

(d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal organization or a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on issues of domestic violence as it relates to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and submit an application to the Secretary that shall—

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

(2) include a complete description of the applicant's plan for the operation of a national Indian domestic violence hotline and digital services, including descriptions of—

(A) the training program for advocacy personnel relating to the provision of culturally appropriate and legally accurate services, information, resources and referrals for Indian victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

(B) the training program for advocacy personnel, relating to technology requirements to ensure that all persons affiliated with the hotline and digital services are able to effectively operate any technological systems required to provide the necessary services used by the hotline;

(C) the qualifications of the applicant and the hiring criteria and qualifications for advocacy personnel, to ensure that hotline advocates and other personnel have demonstrated knowledge of Indian legal, social, and cultural issues, to ensure that the unique needs of Indian callers and users of digital services are met;

(D) the methods for the creation, maintenance, and updating of a resource database of culturally appropriate victim services and resources available from Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations;

(E) a plan for publicizing the availability of the services from the national Indian hotline to Indian victims of domestic violence and dating violence;

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

(G) a plan for facilitating access to the hotline and digital services by individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, individuals with speech-related disabilities, individuals with sensory disabilities (including those who are blind or low vision), and other individuals with disabilities, including training for hotline personnel to support such access; and

(H) a plan for providing assistance and referrals to Indian youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and for victims of dating violence who are minors, which may be carried out through a national Indian youth dating violence hotline, digital services, or other resources;

(3) demonstrate recognized expertise providing services, including information on healthy relationships and referrals for

Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and coordinating services with Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations;

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

(5) demonstrate capacity and the expertise to maintain a domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence hotline, digital services and a comprehensive database of service providers from Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations;

(6) demonstrate compliance with nondisclosure requirements as described in section 306(c)(5) and following comprehensive quality assurance practices; and

(7) contain such other information as the Secretary may require.

(e) INDIAN HOTLINE ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a grant under this section shall use funds made available through the grant for the purpose described in subsection (a), consistent with paragraph (2).

(2) ACTIVITIES.—In establishing and operating the hotline, the entity—

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

(B) shall employ, train (including providing technology training), and supervise personnel to answer incoming calls and digital services contacts, provide counseling, healthy relationship and referral services for Indian callers and digital services users, directly connect callers, and assist digital services users in connecting to service providers;

(C) shall assemble and maintain a database of information relating to services for Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to which Indian callers or digital services users may be referred, including information on the availability of shelters and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

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

(i) national and regional member organizations of Indian Tribes;

(ii) Tribal domestic violence services programs; and

(iii) Tribal non-profit victim service providers;

(E) at the discretion of the hotline operator, may provide appropriate assistance and referrals for family and household members of Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and Indians affected by the victimization described in subsection (a); and

(F) at the discretion of the hotline operator, may provide assistance, or referrals for counseling or intervention, for identified Indian perpetrators, including self-identified perpetrators, of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, but shall not be required to provide such assistance or referrals in any circumstance in which the hotline

operator fears the safety of a victim may be impacted by an abuser or suspected abuser.

(f) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—The entity receiving a grant under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(g) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this section.

SEC. 314. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP.

(a) PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF GRANTS.—

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

(A) to continue efforts to build evidence about effective primary and secondary prevention practices, programs, and policies that reduce and end family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

(B) to build capacity at the State, Tribal, territorial, and local levels to meet the objectives described in subparagraph (A); and

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

(2) DESCRIPTION OF GRANTS.—From the amounts appropriated under this section, the Secretary shall—

(A) acting through the Division of Violence Prevention of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in consultation with the Director of the Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services of the Administration for Children and Families—

(i) provide core grants under subsection (b)(1) to support primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence; and

(ii) enter into cooperative agreements under subsection (b)(2) with State, territorial, and Tribal domestic violence coalitions that are in partnerships with entities carrying out local and culturally specific programs, to test, evaluate, or, as appropriate, scale up innovative domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence primary and secondary prevention models, particularly those programs serving culturally specific or traditionally underserved populations; and

(B) acting through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program of the Administration for Children and Families, award grants under subsection (c) to enhance the capacity of communities and systems to engage in effective primary and secondary prevention efforts.

(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of the amounts appropriated under this section for a fiscal year the Secretary may use—

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

(B) not more than 3 percent of the amounts for each fiscal year for technical assistance under this section.

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

(1) GRANTS TO BUILD PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION CAPACITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—

(A) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall provide a core grant for each eligible State, territorial, and Tribal coalition. The Secretary shall provide such a grant to build organizational capacity and leadership for primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, including work with other systems central to primary and secondary prevention at the local, State, territorial, and Tribal levels.

(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this paragraph, a State, territorial, or Tribal coalition shall be a State domestic violence coalition, territorial domestic violence coalition, or Tribal domestic violence coalition, respectively, that has not entered into a cooperative agreement under section 314 of this title (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021) or under paragraph (2).

(C) APPLICATION.—Each coalition seeking a grant under this paragraph shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. The application submitted by the coalition for the grant shall provide documentation of the coalition's primary prevention work, satisfactory to the Secretary, demonstrating that the coalition—

(i) meets all of the applicable requirements of this paragraph; and

(ii) demonstrates the ability to conduct appropriately the primary and secondary prevention activities described in this paragraph.

(D) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary shall allot an equal share to each qualified entity receiving funds under section 311 or section 311A to carry out evidence-informed prevention activities.

(E) USE OF FUNDS.—A coalition that receives a grant under this paragraph—

(i) shall use the grant funds to—

(I) build the coalition's organizational capacity and enhance its State or Tribal leadership to advance evidence-informed primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

(II) provide primary and secondary prevention-focused training, technical assistance, peer learning opportunities, and other support to local domestic violence programs and other community-based and culturally specific programs working to

address domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

(III) provide training and advocacy to other State, Tribal, and local public and private systems on how to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence, and help victims, including through health services, early childhood programs, economic support programs, schools, child welfare, workforce development, community-based programs primarily serving racial and ethnic minority groups, community-based programs serving Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities, community-based programs primarily serving other underserved populations, faith-based programs, and youth programs; and

(IV) support dissemination of primary and secondary prevention strategies and approaches throughout the State, territorial, or Tribal communities; and

(ii) may use the grant funds to provide subgrants to local programs to support the dissemination of primary and secondary prevention programs or initiatives.

(F) REPORTS.—Each coalition receiving a grant under this paragraph shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as the Secretary requires. Such report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds and the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may require.

(G) FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary may use a portion of the funds provided under this paragraph to provide primary and secondary prevention-focused training, technical assistance, and other support to coalitions described in subparagraph (B) or State or local entities that are in partnerships with such coalitions.

(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION STRATEGIES.—

(A) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements with qualified State, territorial, and Tribal domestic violence coalitions that are in partnerships with entities carrying out local and culturally specific programs, to test, evaluate, or, as appropriate, scale up innovative domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence primary and secondary prevention strategies and models, particularly those serving culturally specific or traditionally underserved populations.

(B) QUALIFICATION.—To be qualified to enter into a cooperative agreement under subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii), an organization shall be a State, territorial, or Tribal domestic violence coalition and include representatives of pertinent sectors of the local community, which may include—

(i) health care providers and Tribal, State, or local health departments;

(ii) the education community;

(iii) a faith-based community;

(iv) the juvenile justice system;

(v) domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence service program advocates;

(vi) public human service entities;

(vii) business and civic leaders;

(viii) child and youth-serving organizations;

(ix) community-based organizations whose primary purpose is to provide culturally appropriate services to underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minority communities; and

(x) other pertinent sectors.

(C) TERM.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph for a period of not more than 5 fiscal years.

(D) CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT.—The provision of payments under a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall be subject to—

(i) annual approval by the Secretary; and

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

(E) APPLICATIONS.—An organization that desires to enter into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall submit to the Secretary an application, in such form and in such manner as the Secretary shall require, that—

(i) identifies models and strategies to be tested and partner organizations who will be implementing programs to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

(ii) demonstrates that the applicant has developed effective and collaborative relationships with diverse communities, including with organizations primarily serving racial and ethnic minority populations or other underserved populations;

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

(iv) includes a description of the expected outcomes from the primary and secondary prevention activities and how the strategy is expected to achieve those outcomes;

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

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

(vii) demonstrates that the applicant has the capacity to carry out collaborative community initiatives to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

(viii) describes the applicant's plans to evaluate the models and strategies it intends to implement, including demonstrating that the methods selected are rigorous;

(ix) describes the applicant's existing capacity to collect and analyze data to monitor performance and support evaluation and other evidence-building activities or how they will use the grant to develop such capacity; and

(x) contains such other information, agreements, and assurances as the Secretary may require.

(F) GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements under this paragraph with organizations in States, territories, and Tribes geographically dispersed throughout the Nation.

(G) USE OF FUNDS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—An organization that enters into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall use the funds made available through the agreement to establish, operate, and maintain implementation and evaluation of coordinated community response to reduce risk factors for domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence perpetration and enhance protective factors to promote positive development and healthy relationships and communities.

(ii) EVALUATION, MONITORING, ADMINISTRATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may use a portion of the funds provided under this paragraph for evaluation, monitoring, administration, and technical assistance described in subsection (a)(3) with respect to the prevention projects.

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

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

(ii) recognize and address the needs of underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minority groups, and individuals with disabilities;

(iii) use not less than 30 percent or more than 50 percent of awarded funds to subcontract with local domestic violence programs or other community-based programs to develop and implement such projects;

(iv) in the case of a new grantee, use the funds for up to 1 year for planning and capacity building without subcontracting as described in clause (iii); and

(v) use up to 8 percent of the funds awarded under this paragraph to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Secretary and peer-to-peer technical assistance from other grantees under this paragraph.

(I) REPORTS.—Each organization entering into a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report shall describe activities that have been carried out with the funds made available through the agreement and the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require. The Secretary shall make the evaluations received under this subparagraph

publicly available on the Department of Health and Human Services internet website, and shall submit such reports to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

(c) GRANTS TO EXPAND COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION.—

(1) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a grant program to expand the capacity of communities and systems to engage in effective primary and secondary prevention efforts.

(2) GRANTS.—The Secretary may award grants to eligible entities through the program established under paragraph (1) for periods of not more than 4 years. If the Secretary determines that an entity has received such a grant and been successful in meeting the objectives of the grant application so submitted, the Secretary may renew the grant for 1 additional period of not more than 4 years.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall—

(A) be a private nonprofit, nongovernmental organization (which may include faith-based and charitable organizations) or a Tribal organization that is—

(i) a community-based organization whose primary purpose is providing culturally specific services to racial and ethnic minority groups or other underserved populations; or

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

(B) have a demonstrated record of serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence, or demonstrate a partnership with another organization that has such a record.

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

(A) a description of how the entity will develop, expand, or replicate evidence-informed primary and secondary prevention strategies and approaches in their communities, including culturally and linguistically appropriate primary and secondary prevention programming;

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

(C) demonstrates the ability to conduct appropriately the primary and secondary prevention activities described in this section.

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

(A) build their organizational capacity and enhance their leadership of the organization within the community to promote community engagement in and advancement of evidence-informed primary and secondary prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, or family violence;

(B) promote strategic primary and secondary prevention partnership development, including between any of domes-

tic violence programs and health programs, early childhood programs, economic support programs, schools, child welfare programs, workforce development, culturally specific community-based organizations, faith-based programs, community-based organizations serving Deaf individuals and individuals with disabilities, and youth programs;

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

(D) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded under this subsection to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Secretary, from peer-to-peer technical assistance from other grantees under this section, or from both.

(6) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—The Secretary may use a portion of the funds provided under this subsection for evaluation, monitoring, administration, and technical assistance with respect to the prevention projects.

(7) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—Each entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

SEC. 315. GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.

(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to provide grants to assist communities in mobilizing and organizing resources in support of effective and sustainable programs that will prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence experienced by underserved populations.

(b) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services, shall award capacity building, implementation, and evaluation grants to eligible entities to assist in developing, implementing, and evaluating culturally and linguistically appropriate, community-driven strategies to prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in underserved populations.

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

(1) with respect to the programs under subsections (d) and (e), be—

(A) a population specific organization that has demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population specific services in the relevant underserved communities, or a population specific organization working in partnership with a victim service provider or domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or

(B) a victim service provider offering population-specific services for a specific underserved population; or

(2) with respect to the program under subsection (f), be an eligible entity described in paragraph (1) that is working in collaboration with an entity specializing in evaluation with docu-

mented experience working with targeted underserved populations;

(d) CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to support the capacity building, planning, and development of programs for underserved communities that utilize community-driven intervention and prevention strategies that address the barriers to domestic violence services, raise awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence and promote community engagement in the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in targeted underserved populations. Such grants may be used to—

(A)(i) expand the collaboration with community partners who can provide appropriate assistance to the targeted underserved populations that are represented by the eligible entity through the identification of additional partners, particularly among targeted underserved communities; and

(ii) establish linkages with national, State, Tribal, or local public and private partners, which may include community health workers, advocacy organizations, and policy organizations;

(B) establish community working groups;

(C) conduct a needs assessment of targeted underserved populations to determine the barriers to access and factors contributing to such barriers, using input from targeted underserved communities;

(D) participate in training and technical assistance sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention and Services program for program development, implementation, evaluation, and other programmatic issues;

(E) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded under this subsection to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Family Violence Prevention and Services program;

(F) identify promising intervention and prevention strategies;

(G) develop a plan with the input of targeted underserved communities that includes strategies for—

(i) implementing intervention and prevention strategies that have the greatest potential for addressing the barriers to accessing services, raising awareness of domestic violence, and promoting community engagement in the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence within targeted underserved populations;

(ii) identifying other sources of revenue and integrating current and proposed funding sources to ensure long-term sustainability of the program; and

(iii) conducting performance measurement processes, including collecting data and measuring progress toward addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence or raising awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in targeted underserved populations; and

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

(2) DURATION.—The period during which payments may be made under a grant under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 4 years, except where the Secretary determines that extraordinary circumstances exist.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities that have received a planning grant under subsection (d) or who already have demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population specific services in the relevant underserved communities to enable such entities to—

(A) implement a plan including intervention services or prevention strategies to address the identified barrier or awareness issue or initiate the community engagement strategy for targeted underserved populations, in an effective and timely manner;

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

(C) analyze data consistent with the evaluation design, including collaborating with academic or other appropriate institutions for such analysis;

(D) participate in training for the purpose of informing and educating other entities regarding the experiences and lessons learned from the project;

(E) collaborate with appropriate partners to disseminate information gained from the project for the benefit of other domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs;

(F) establish mechanisms with other public or private groups to maintain financial support for the program after the grant terminates;

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

(H) develop and implement community engagement strategies;

(I) maintain relationships with local partners and continue to develop new relationships with national and State partners; and

(J) use up to 5 percent of funds awarded under this subsection to procure technical assistance from a list of providers approved by the Family Violence Prevention and Services program.

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

(f) EVALUATION GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants to eligible entities that have received an implementation grant under subsection (e) and that require additional assistance for the purpose of executing the proposed evaluation design, including developing the design, collecting and analyzing data (including process and outcome measures), and disseminating findings.

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

(A) entities that in previous funding cycles—

(i) have received a grant under subsection (d); or

(ii) established population specific organizations that have demonstrated experience and expertise in providing population-specific services in the relevant underserved communities programs; and

(B) entities that incorporate best practices or build on successful models in their action plan, including the use of community advocates.

(3) DURATION.—The period during which payments may be made under a grant under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 4 years, except where the Secretary determines that extraordinary circumstances exist.

(g) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds provided under this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide services and activities that promote the purposes of this title.

(h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—

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

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

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

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

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

(i) ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS.—The Secretary shall make every effort to minimize duplicative or unnecessary administrative burdens on the grantees.

SEC. 316. GRANTS TO ENHANCE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY POPULATIONS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a grant program to establish or enhance culturally specific services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from racial and ethnic minority populations.

(b) PURPOSES.—

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

(A) develop and support innovative culturally specific community-based programs to enhance access to shelter services or supportive services to further the purposes of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence intervention and prevention for all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from racial and ethnic

minority populations who face obstacles to using more traditional services and resources;

(B) strengthen the capacity and further the leadership development of individuals in racial and ethnic minority populations to address domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in their communities; and

(C) promote strategic partnership development and collaboration, including with health systems, early childhood programs, economic support programs, schools, child welfare, workforce development, domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence programs, other community-based programs, community-based organizations serving individuals with disabilities, faith-based programs, and youth programs, in order to further a public health approach to addressing domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence.

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to programs based in the targeted community to establish or enhance domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence intervention and prevention efforts that address distinctive culturally specific responses to domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence in racial and ethnic minority populations.

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

(C) COMPETITIVE BASIS.—The Secretary shall ensure that grants are awarded, to the extent practical, only on a competitive basis, and that a grant is awarded for a proposal only if the proposal has been recommended for such an award through a process of peer review.

(D) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Up to 5 percent of funds appropriated under this section for a fiscal year shall be available for technical assistance to be used by the grantees to access training and technical assistance from organizations that have entered into a cooperative agreement with the Director to provide training and technical assistance regarding the provision of effective culturally specific, community-based services for racial and ethnic minority populations.

(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with organizations having a demonstrated expertise in and whose primary purpose is addressing the development and provision of culturally specific, accessible, community-based services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence from the targeted populations to provide training and technical assistance for grantees.

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

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

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

(B) a community-based organization whose primary purpose is providing culturally specific services to individuals from racial and ethnic minority populations that can partner with an organization having demonstrated expertise in serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence; and

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

(d) CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS OF SERVICES.—The Secretary shall ensure that information and services provided pursuant to this section are provided in the language, educational, and cultural context that is most appropriate for the individuals for whom the information and services are intended, and that information is made available in accessible formats as appropriate.

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

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

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

(h) ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND MONITORING.—Of amounts made available to carry out this section, not more than 4 percent may be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this section.

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

MINORITY VIEWS

Domestic violence is a distressingly common tragedy. Republicans and Democrats support efforts to prevent family violence and help survivors recover from abuse. That is why Congress, since 1984,[1] has worked in a bipartisan manner to provide support, shelter, and resources to survivors through the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Act* (FVPSA). FVPSA is the primary source of federal funding to support victims of domestic violence and their dependents. FVPSA was the first federal law to address such issues and has been reauthorized seven times.

Republicans believe we must continue FVPSA's history of bipartisanship. Unfortunately, Democrats' 2021 reauthorization proposal, H.R. 2119, contains provisions that threaten religious liberties and high-quality services for survivors. While both Republicans and Democrats support increasing the program's funding, it is critical that dollars intended to support victims of domestic violence are spent on those supportive services; FVPSA is not a piggybank for unrelated policies.

The CDC estimates that at least one in three Americans has experienced sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by a partner. Further research indicates that "at least 10 to 20 percent of children are estimated to be exposed to intimate partner violence yearly, with as many as one-third exposed at some point during childhood or adolescence."[2] Supporting children is a vital aspect of combating the domestic violence epidemic. Regrettably, H.R. 2119, as offered by the Democrats, upends the previously bipartisan balance between prevention services and support for victims and children at the behest of special interest groups.

The Democrats' bill paves the way for taxpayer-supported abortions. Previous reauthorizations of the law included a prohibition preventing reimbursement for health care services, but this bill drops that prohibition. When applied in conjunction with Democrats' attempts to repeal the Hyde amendment, the language in this bill opens the door for taxpayer-funded abortions.[3] Forcing the public to pay for abortions is morally repugnant and should not be allowed to stand in this bill—or any bill. Committee Members should work together to ensure that FVPSA is focused on meeting family violence survivors' needs without violating the right to life.

The Democrats' reauthorization also tramples on the rights of faith-based providers to offer critical care to their network of survivors. By eliminating funding for organizations that stand by their sincerely held religious beliefs, fewer victims will be able to access

[1] Title III of P.L. 98–457.

[2] Carlson, B.E. (2000). Children exposed to intimate partner violence: Research findings and implications for intervention. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 1(4), 321–342. https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1524838000001004002.

[3] https://time.com/6085444/hyde-amendment-spending-bills-congress/.

vital services and care. As the Committee learned at a related hearing, there are numerous nonprofit and faith-based organizations tirelessly working to help protect these victims. Ami Novoryta, Chief Program Officer, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, testified that "survivors are often isolated due to cultural factors, language barriers, lack of familial support, and lack of awareness of their lawful protections . . . It is often the church, and Catholic Charities, to which survivors turn. The role of trusted, faith-based providers in this service arena is profound."[4] She went on to note that for many faiths, believers may feel they cannot leave an abusive relationship because they have taken a religious vow. It is empowering for them to hear from their minister, clergy, or counselor connected to the faith that they are not expected to stay and endure the abuse.[5] It is immoral and inexcusable for Democrats to place purely partisan restrictions on these life-saving supportive services. Any FVPSA reauthorization must ensure all avenues of support are available to victims.

To fortify family violence prevention resources, Republicans offered a substitute amendment that protects and strengthens this program. The Republican substitute ensures funds will not be spent on abortion services or referrals, protects the rights of faith-based providers to adhere to their faith, and adds greater transparency about the resource centers that may receive funding through this law. This reauthorization proposal is in the best interest of victims of family violence and the people who serve them. FVPSA is too valuable a program to spiral into a political squabble, and it is disappointing that the Democrats would not reauthorize FVPSA in a bipartisan manner.

Survivors of domestic violence deserve Congress' support, and Republicans offered a proposal that provided an opportunity for a focused, bipartisan reauthorization of FVPSA. Instead, Democrats pushed ahead with an overly prescriptive, partisan proposal that could harm the unborn and kick high-quality providers out of the program. Victims deserve access to the expertise and resources necessary to aid them in their time of crisis, free from political interference. The Democrats' reauthorization proposal fails to meet that requirement by pandering to progressive advocates rather than supporting survivors.

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[4] Committee on Education and Labor, Civil Rights and Human Services Subcommittee, March 22, 2021 hearing.
[5] Id.

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