



Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Services Funding FISCAL YEAR 2010 Budget Request Line Item Language and Program Area Priorities

4513 – 1130: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment

Total Request: \$6,400,000

For the domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and treatment program; provided, that of the amount appropriated in this item, funds shall be expended for rape prevention and victim services, including the statewide Spanish language hotline for sexual abuse and domestic violence services for immigrants, provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the public health model of community engagement and intervention services and crisis housing for sexual violence and intimate partner violence in the GLBT community; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for sexual and domestic violence prevention; provided further, that not less than \$1,050,000 shall be expended for domestic violence batterers' intervention services; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for sexual abuse and domestic violence services for immigrants and refugees

❖ Funding Priority - \$4,200,000: Sustain Comprehensive Rape Crisis Services

This funding will ensure stabilization of Rape Crisis Centers and Llámanos to provide:

- Direct Services, including short- and long-term individual and group counseling; medical, legal, police and other client advocacy sessions; hotline services
- Clinical support
- Bi-lingual Counselors and community based advocates
- Child advocates
- Advocates to work in the schools and with community groups

❖ Funding Priority - \$350,000: Sustain crisis housing & services for GLBT victims

This funding will provide services including: safety planning, legal advocacy, support groups, housing and employment assistance. Currently GLBT-specific emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence consists of **ONLY 5 beds** for the entire Commonwealth. An overwhelming number of GLBT victims (57%) reported become homeless due to abuse, with a large number (18%) reporting that they lose everything. Funds would continue to support comprehensive services and staffing to provide program supervision and support to shelter guests.

❖ Funding Priority - \$300,000: Sustain funding for RISE (Refugee and Immigrant Safety and Empowerment) Program

This funding will support local advocacy programs serving immigrant and refugee victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. Due to linguistic, institutional and cultural barriers, immigrant and refugee victims are frequently cut off from information about their rights, and face enormous barriers to access mainstream domestic violence and sexual assault interventions, such as the police and courts. Understanding the unique dynamics of domestic and sexual violence and the barriers that immigrant survivors face, the RISE programs use a community based approach that provides intensive linguistic and culturally-specific services for victims and their families. Services are offered in more than 16 languages. Massachusetts ranks seventh in the country in the number of immigrant residents. One in every four people in the Commonwealth is an immigrant or a child of an immigrant.

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❖ **Funding Priority - \$1,050,000: Sustain Batterer Intervention Services**

This funding will support services that hold batterers accountable for abusing intimate partners and children while also working with victims to assess danger, provide information and referrals and increase victim and child safety through partner contacts and referrals for support services.

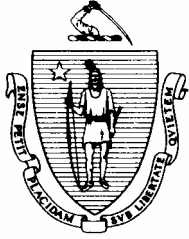
❖ **Funding Priority - \$500,000: Sustain Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention**

This funding will allow programs to raise awareness about issues of sexual assault, stalking and domestic violence and how to support survivors and create safer communities and relationships.

4800-1400: Sustain Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Total Request: \$23,500,000

For shelters and support services for people at risk of domestic violence; provided, that the department shall pursue the establishment of public-private partnership agreements established for family stabilization services funded from sources other than the commonwealth; provided further, that services shall include supervised visitation programs, and scattered site transitional housing programs, including programs to assist victims of domestic violence in finding and maintaining permanent housing; provided further, that participants in battered women's programs shall be provided with information regarding local transitional housing resources; provided further, that funding shall be made available to enhance counseling services for children who have witnessed domestic violence; provided further, that funding shall be made available for emergency shelters for substance abusing battered women; provided further, that funding shall be made available for a statewide domestic violence hotline; provided further, that the department shall continue to provide any match funding required by federal program regulations; provided further, that domestic violence prevention specialists shall be funded from this item.



FY2010 House 1 Language Budget Recommendation from Deval L. Patrick, Governor

4510-2500 Health Promotion, Violence Prevention and Workforce Expansion

(Consolidated with 4510-0106, 4510-0110, 4510-0715, 4510-0716, 4510-0810, 4512-0500, 4513-1000, 4513-1024, 4513-1026, 4513-1111, 4513-1130, 4530-9000, 4590-0250, and 4590-1506)

For the operation and administration of health promotion, disease prevention, violence prevention and workforce expansion programs; provided, that programs and services funded in this item shall include health education services, community health center services, a center for primary care recruitment and placement, a statewide sexual assault nurse examiner program and pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner program, dental services including dental services for the developmentally disabled, a comprehensive, statewide shaken baby syndrome prevention program, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and treatment including rape prevention and victim services, teenage pregnancy prevention services in highest teen birth rate communities, school health services and school-based health centers in public and non-public schools, an evidence-based outreach and education program designed to provide information and education on the therapeutic and cost-effective utilization of prescription drugs, family health services and an end of life care commission; provided further, that a competitive grant program may be administered by the department of public health to support the establishment of a comprehensive youth violence prevention program; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for matching grants to boys and girls clubs, YMCAs and YWCA organizations, non-profit community centers, and youth development programs.

Total: \$52,544,238

4800-1400 Support Services for People at Risk of Domestic Violence

For shelters and support services, including payroll costs, for people at risk of domestic violence

Total: \$23,482,061