

Expanding Legal Services Initiative

The Initiative

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative is intended to enable eligible organizations that do not currently offer legal services to establish a program that provides legal representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and tribal governments or tribal organizations that do not currently offer comprehensive legal services but desire to establish a program to provide legal representation to victims.

Priority Consideration

Advancing racial justice and improving services to survivors from underserved communities are ELSI priority areas. As such, priority consideration will be given to lead applicants who are culturally specific or population specific.

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative solicitation will be released later this fall. Upon its release, you may find the solicitation on the [Open Solicitations](#) page of the Office on Violence Against Women website. We anticipate that awards for the Expanding Legal Services Initiative will begin in October 2023.

About the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

The Legal Assistance Program strengthens civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence.

To learn more, please join us on October 6 for an informational webinar. Registration and future events may be found on the Office on Violence Against Women [website](#). For questions, contact OVW.LAV@doj.gov.