



ARP SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT FROM CULTURALLY SPECIFIC POPULATIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ARP SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS PROGRAM)

Invitation for Community-Based Organizations to Apply for Subawards in Support of Culturally-Specific, Community-Based Projects to Support Survivors of Domestic Violence from Asian and Pacific Islander Communities in the United States and Territories.

<p>Online Application Opens</p> <p>November 4, 2022</p> <p>User Account Registration Link (required to access online application) bit.ly/3NGJfr5</p> <p>Application Link bit.ly/3T52sDV</p>	<p>Information Sessions</p> <p>November 9, 2022 at 2pm PST Zoom Registration bit.ly/3Wc7L7r</p> <p>November 16, 2022 at 9am PST Zoom Registration bit.ly/3sJmZD8</p>
<p>Deadline to Submit Application</p> <p>December 23, 2022 at 11:59pm PST</p>	<p>Project Period</p> <p>March 1, 2023 – February 28, 2025</p>

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About the ARP Support for Survivors Program

The Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (API-GBV) was awarded \$13.2 million through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) under the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) to distribute this funding to culturally specific organizations that serve sexual assault (SA) and domestic violence (DV) survivors.

Working in partnership with the National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV), our collective goal is to support culturally specific community-based organizations in providing culturally specific activities that:

- 1) Address the emergent needs of survivors and the programs that serve them, resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
- 2) Promote strategic partnership development and collaboration in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency on survivors of SA and DV.

The ARP Support for Survivors Program funding will be equally split between culturally specific domestic violence and sexual assault organizations.

Domestic Violence Capacity Building Fund

Under the ARP Support for Survivors Program, API-GBV will distribute subgrants through the *Domestic Violence Capacity Building Fund* to assist culturally specific organizations providing DV services in Asian/Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI), and Middle Eastern (ME) communities in the United States and U.S. territories.

A separate RFP for the Sexual Assault Capacity Building Fund will be announced in December 2022. Organizations may be eligible to apply for both.

Subaward Information

API-GBV will review proposals and select 15 community-based organizations to become an “ARP Support for Survivors Program Partner” or an “ARP Partner”. Each ARP Partner will receive a subgrant up to \$300,000 in total costs in support of the proposed DV community-based project. ARP Partners can use funding to support, enhance, and/or expand existing projects. New projects may also be considered. API-GBV will fund 15 organizations with this capacity building fund.

DV Capacity Building Fund projects must begin by **March 1, 2023**. Funding under this program ends **February 28, 2025**, inclusive of any no-cost extensions or other related modifications. ARP Partners have the option to conclude their projects earlier.

Eligible Applicants

API-GBV welcomes applications from all eligible community-based organizations. Eligible community-based organizations include:

1. Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS or Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS but are fiscally sponsored by a nonprofit who has 501(c)(3) status;
2. Whose primary purpose is providing culturally specific services to underserved communities residing in the continental United States, Hawai'i, and U.S. territories;
 - a. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(7), “culturally specific services” means community-based services that include culturally relevant and linguistically specific services and resources to culturally specific communities;
 - b. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(6), “culturally specific” means primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 300u-6(g));
 - c. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 10402(14) and 45 CFR part 1370.2) “Underserved populations”, “underserved communities” or “people who have been historically underserved” means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, and populations underserved because of special needs including language barriers, disabilities, immigration status, and age. Individuals with criminal histories due to victimization and individuals with substance use disorders and mental health issues are also included in this definition;
 - d. Applicants whose primary purpose is to provide culturally specific services to Asian/Asian American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern communities residing in the continental United States, Hawai'i, and U.S. territories are encouraged to apply; AND
3. Have demonstrated ability in providing supportive services;
 - a. “Supportive services” is defined as services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault and their dependents that are designed to meet the needs of such victims and their dependents for short-term, transitional, or long-term safety and recovery;
 - b. Supportive services include, but are not limited to: direct and/or referral-based advocacy on behalf of victims and their dependents, counseling, case

management, employment services, referrals, transportation services, legal advocacy or assistance, child care services, health, behavioral health and preventive health services, culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and other services that assist victims or their dependents in recovering from the effects of the violence (45 CFR § 1370.2).

Eligible community-based organizations with projects that seek to collaborate with other organization(s) are encouraged to apply. In the case of partnership proposals, only one eligible community-based organization should apply as lead applicant. ARP Partner organizations are not permitted to sub-grant to other organizations.

Scope of Proposed Projects

API-GBV will select community-based, culturally specific programs that are responsive to the needs of Asian/Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and Middle Eastern survivors of domestic violence and their dependents.

API-GBV encourages community based, innovative approaches and/or strategies to address domestic violence in these culturally specific communities that would ultimately lead to short-term, transitional, and/or long-term safety and recovery for survivors and their dependents. These innovative approaches and strategies can include:

- Technical assistance;
- Advocacy, case management services, information and referral services including:
 - Assistance in accessing related federal and state financial assistance programs;
 - Legal advocacy to assist survivors and their dependents;
 - 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;
 - Assistance locating and securing safe and affordable permanent housing and homelessness prevention services;
 - Providing transportation, childcare, respite care, job training and employment services, financial literacy services and education, financial planning, and related economic empowerment services; and
 - Providing parenting and other educational services for victims and their dependents;
- Providing direct crisis intervention services, including counseling, mobile advocacy, telehealth, peer support, and in-person assistance;

- Funding staffing increases related directly to the work, workforce supports for employees/advocates, and workforce capacity building and any related costs to retain, reward, or recruit staff to ensure the continuity of racial and ethnic specific domestic violence programs and LGBTQ organizations for survivors and their dependents.

The *DV Capacity Building Fund Application FAQ* provides more information on allowable costs and activities under these subawards. The FAQ will be released after the first information session on November 9, 2022.

Requirements and Expectations

Data Collection and Reporting

ARP Partners are required to collect and maintain data that measures the performance and effectiveness of work under this subaward, which includes:

- Monthly financial reimbursement requests;
- Semi-annual performance progress reports (narrative and financial);
- Travel and conference requests;
- Other data as requested.

All reporting and requests must be submitted through **Coalition Manager**, the designated grants management platform for the ARP Support for Survivors Program. ARP Partners are required to use this platform throughout the project period, and must participate in online training on its utilization within the first month of the project, including any staff responsible for reporting.

Program Support and Information Sharing

ARP Partners will also be required to participate in:

- At least two in-person program support visits with API-GBV program staff;
 - Requests for virtual program support visits will be determined on a case-by-case basis;
- Participation in any surveys or interviews as part of API-GBV's overall program evaluation;
- Other visits, meetings, convenings, and trainings as deemed necessary by API-GBV and ARP Partner organizations.

Technical Assistance

As a national culturally specific resource center on domestic violence, API-GBV staff will be available to ARP Partner organizations throughout the project period. ARP Partners will be provided:

- One-on-one, specialized technical assistance;
- Access to online training and educational resources;
- A virtual learning community with peers in the program;
- Opportunity for all ARP Partner organizations and ARP Support for Survivors Program staff to convene at least once in-person (if public health regulations permit) during the project period;
- Guidance on reporting, evaluation, special topics; and more.

API-GBV will also track and compile de-identified information (unless previously agreed upon by the ARP Partner) from select ARP Partner organizations about their experiences in implementing their community-based projects, and use this information to inform a summary report of replicable strategies, approaches, and models that will be published and shared widely across API-GBV networks.

Informational Webinar

API-GBV will present informational webinars on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 2pm Pacific Standard Time (PST) and Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 9am PST** to share details about the application and selection process, eligibility, and deadlines. To register for a session, follow the links below.

November 9, 2022 at 2pm PST	Zoom Registration bit.ly/3Wc7L7r
November 16, 2022 at 9am PST	Zoom Registration bit.ly/3sJmZD8

Application Process

Applicants must submit a proposal addressing the elements described below by **Friday, December 23, 2022 at 11:59pm PST** through Coalition Manager.

To submit the proposal, applicants must:

1. Create a new **user account** through Coalition Manager at bit.ly/3NGJfr5
2. Complete the required fields in the **online application** via bit.ly/3T52sDV; and
3. Upload all attachments to Coalition Manager.

Accommodations

Please contact API-GBV at arpsupport@api-gbv.org if any accommodations are needed to complete an application. For example, applicants may submit a proposal in the language of their choice. API-GBV staff will be available to assist applicants with submissions and will do our best to assist with your accommodation needs.

Application Elements

Please include the following information in the proposal:

Section 1: Organizational Profile and Capacity (40 points)

- Organization name, contact person, contact information
- Verification of nonprofit 501(c)(3) status or fiscal sponsorship
 - Applicants must upload their 501(c)(3) determination letter or documentation confirming fiscal sponsor by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.
- Subaward amount requested
- Background of the community-based organization, which may include mission and core values statements (if available), and the history of service and support rendered to the organization's community;
- History of working with survivors of domestic violence;
- Description of the culturally specific community the applicant serves;
- Description of any past federal grant/subaward management experience.

Section 2: Need for the Project (10 points)

- Information about how domestic violence has impacted individuals and/or groups in the culturally specific community the applicant serves;
- Description of any history of collaboration with other organizations in the community, and the applicant's relationship with the culturally specific community and organizations generally;

Section 3: Project Proposal (50 points)

- Project Work Plan
 - Project goals and objectives;
 - Description of project activities;
 - List of key staff, including any potential partners if applicable, who will work on the project;
- Applicants may utilize a work plan template provided by API-GBV. Follow this link <https://bit.ly/3U8io9Y> to view and download the template;
- Potential impact of the project:
 - How the project will support survivors of domestic violence and their dependents in the community the applicant serves;

- o How the project will strengthen response efforts in the community the applicant serves;
- o Description of the individuals and/or groups that the proposed project will focus on, such as a cultural/ethnic specific population, adults, youth, people with disabilities, LGBTQ;
- o What aspects of the project demonstrate innovation or creativity in program development, implementation, etc.;

Section 4: Project Budget

- Submit a project budget and budget justification that demonstrates the total amount the applicant needs to accomplish the goals of the proposed project. The budget justification consists of a budget narrative and line-item budget detail that includes detailed calculation for class categories provided in the budget template.
 - o ARP Support for Survivors DV Capacity Building Fund subawards will range between \$100,000 - \$300,000 in total costs. Applicants are to determine the amount to be requested based on their proposed projects - we encourage applicants to apply for the full \$300,000 if that is your preference;
 - o This subaward does not require matching or cost sharing.
 - o ARP Partner organizations (subrecipients) are allowed to charge indirect costs by using their approved negotiated indirect cost rate or the de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs.
- Applicants must utilize the budget template provided by API-GBV. Follow this link <https://bit.ly/3NwCyYG> to view and download the template, which includes: Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Supplies, Contracts, and other line-item expenses.

Section 5: Letter of Support

- Applicants must submit at least one letter of support (maximum 3) from a community leader, other community-based organization, or community member who can speak to the applicant's impact, reputation, and presence in the community they serve.

Section 6: Optional Video

- Applicants may submit a video (maximum 10 minutes) providing information about their organization's work, values, culture, and proposed project.

Attachments Checklist

Before submitting your application through **Coalition Manager**, you must upload the following attachments:

- 501(c)(3) determination letter or letter from fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status

- Project work plan
- Job descriptions and resumes for each key staff
- Project budget and narrative
- Letter(s) of support (3 max)
- Video file (i.e. .mp4, .mpg) or link (i.e. YouTube, Vimeo)

Selection Process

API-GBV is committed to a fair, equitable and transparent review of applications using a review committee of 10 individuals composed internally of API-GBV staff and board members, and externally with subject matter experts who have extensive experience working with Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the U.S . The **application review period** will take place **January 16-27, 2023**.

Scoring will be based on Sections 1-3 of the application:

Section 1: Organizational Capacity	40 points
Section 2: Need for the Project	10 points
Section 3: Project Proposal	50 points
Total	100 points

The committee will review and assess applications for:

- Capacity to implement the project;
- Need for the project (i.e., how domestic violence has impacted individuals, groups, and the culturally specific community served by the applicant);
- Potential impact of the project (i.e., innovative approaches; targeting underserved and marginalized areas);
- Whether the proposed budget aligns with the proposed project activities;
- Qualifications and experiences of key individuals who will work on the project.

Applicants will be **notified of the status of their application** by **February 3, 2023**.

Federal Funding Requirements

ARP Partners are required to abide by the following federal funding requirements:

Confidentiality

Ensure that individual client identifiers (client records) are kept confidential. For more info about the required confidentiality requirements, view the links below:

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-XIII/subchapter-H/part-1370/subpart-A/section-1370.4>

[U.S.C. Title 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

Non-Discrimination

Non-discrimination requirements based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, actual or perceived sex, gender identity, or actual or perceived sexual orientation.

For more info more about the non-discrimination requirements, view the link below:

[eCFR :: 45 CFR 1370.5 -- What additional non-discrimination requirements apply to these programs?](#)

Voluntary Services

In accordance with FVPSA statute and regulations, services must be provided on a voluntary basis and no condition may be applied for the receipt of emergency shelter. For additional information about voluntary services, view the link below:

[42 U.S. Code § 10408 - Subgrants and uses of funds | U.S. Code | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute \(cornell.edu\)](#)

Eligibility Standards

No income eligibility standard may be imposed upon individuals with respect to eligibility for assistance or services supported with FVPSA funds. No fees may be levied for assistance or services provided with FVPSA funds. For more info about eligibility standards, follow this link:

[U.S.C. Title 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

Contact Information

For any questions or requests for assistance with the application, contact

ARPSupport@api-gbv.org. For more information about the ARP Support for Survivors

Program, visit www.api-gbv.org/arpssupport.

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