

(c) Use of mandatory arrests of accused offenders;

(d) Discouragement of dual arrests;

(e) Adoption of aggressive and vertical prosecution policies and procedures;

(f) Use of mandatory requirements for pre-sentence investigations;

(g) Length of time taken to prosecute cases or reach plea agreements;

(h) Use of plea agreements;

(i) Unconsistency of sentencing, including comparisons of domestic violence crimes with other violent crimes;

(j) Restitution to victims;

(k) Use of training and technical assistance to law enforcement and other criminal justice professionals;

(l) Reporting practices of, and the significance to be accorded to, prior convictions (both felony and misdemeanor) and protection orders;

(m) Use of interstate extradition in cases of domestic violence crimes;

(n) The use of statewide and regional planning; and,

(o) Any other matters the State Domestic Violence Coalition believes merits investigation (section 311(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 10401(a)(2)).

4. The anticipated outcomes and a description of planned grant activities to be conducted in conjunction with family law judges, criminal court judges, child protective services agencies, child welfare agencies, family preservation and support service agencies, and children's advocates to develop appropriate responses to child custody and visitation issues in domestic violence cases and in cases where domestic violence and child abuse are both present, including:

- (a) Inappropriate use of mutual protection orders;
- (b) Prohibition of mediation when domestic violence is involved;
- (c) Inappropriate use of marital or conjoint counseling in domestic violence cases;
- (d) Use of training and technical assistance for Family Law Judges, Criminal Court Judges, and court personnel;
- (e) The presumption of custody to domestic violence victims;
- (f) Use of comprehensive protection orders to grant fullest protection possible to victims of domestic violence, including temporary custody support and maintenance;
- (g) Development with Child Protective Services of supportive responses that enable victims to protect their children;
- (h) Implementation of supervised visitations or denial of visitation to protect against danger to victims or their children; and
- (i) The possibility of permitting domestic violence victims to remove

children from the State when the safety of the children or the victim is at risk (section 311(a)(3), 42 U.S.C. 10410(a)(3)).

5. The anticipated outcomes and a description of other activities, including any participation in the National Council Against Domestic Violence; participation in the Violence Against Women Network (VAWANET) and its Web site; and/or collaboration with other national or regional organizations whose purpose is to further domestic violence intervention and prevention.

6. The following documentation will certify the status of the domestic violence coalition and must be included in the grant application:

(a) a description of the procedures developed between the State domestic violence agency and the Statewide coalition that allow for implementation of the following cooperative activities:

- (i) the applicant coalition's participation in the planning and monitoring of the distribution of grants and grant funds provided in the State, under section 303(a) of the Act (section 311(a)(5), 42 U.S.C. 10410(a)(5)).
- (ii) the participation of the State domestic violence coalition in compliance activities regarding the State's family violence prevention and services program grantees as required by section 303 (3) of the Act. The description should specifically address the coalition's role in planning, monitoring and compliance activities with respect to maintaining client confidentiality in accordance with relevant requirements including any requirements under the Health Insurance Probability and Accountability Act of 1996 and section 303 (g) of the Act. (section 303 (g)) requires recipients of FVPSA formula grants to establish or implement policies and protocols for maintaining the safety and confidentiality of the adult victims and their children of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

(b) A copy of a currently valid 501(c)(3) certification letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stating private non-profit status; or a copy of the applicant's listing in the IRS' most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code;

(c) A copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State which the corporation or association is domiciled;

(d) A current list of the organizations operating programs for victims of domestic violence programs in the State and the applicant coalition's current membership list by organization;

(e) A list of the applicant coalition's current Board of Directors, with each individual's organizational affiliation, and the Chairperson identified;

(f) A copy of the resume of any coalition or contractual staff to be supported by funds from this grant and/or a statement of requirements for staff or consultants to be hired under this grant; and,

(g) A budget narrative that clearly describes the planned expenditure of funds under this grant.

7. Required Documentation and Assurances are to be included in the application as an appendix:

(a) The applicant coalition must provide documentation in the form of support letters, memoranda of agreement, or jointly signed statements, that the coalition:

- (i) Has actively sought and encouraged the participation of law enforcement agencies and other legal or judicial organizations in the preparation of the grant application (section 311(b)(4)(A), 42 U.S.C. 10410(b)(4)(A)); and,
- (ii) Will actively seek and encourage the participation of such organizations in grant funded activities (section 311(b)(4)(B), 42 U.S.C. 10410(b)(4)(B)).

(b) The applicant coalition must provide a signed statement that the coalition will not use grant funds, directly or indirectly, to influence the issuance, amendment, or revocation of any executive order or similar legal document by any Federal, State or local agency, or to undertake to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by the Congress, or any State or local legislative body, or State proposals by initiative petition, except that representatives of the State Domestic Violence Coalition may testify or make other appropriate communications:

(i) When formally requested to do so by a legislative body, a committee, or a member of such organization (section 311 (d)(1), 42 U.S.C. 10410(d)(1)); or,

(ii) In connection with legislation or appropriations directly affecting the activities of the State domestic violence coalition or any member of the coalition (section 311(d)(2), 42 U.S.C. 10410(d)(2)).

(c) The applicant coalition must provide a signed statement that the State domestic violence coalition will prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, handicap, sex, race, color, and national origin or religion, in accordance with section 307 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 10406.

G. Reporting Requirements

1. The State domestic violence coalition grantee must submit an annual