

SASP FAQs

Q: Can I put general educational information about sexual assault on the brochures produced using SASP funds?

A: No. SASP funded brochures are to be about the services provided, where to receive services, and who may receive services, and not about general education.

Q: May funds be used to support services to children?

A: Yes. Services rendered to children do not have to be in connection to serving an adult parent and there is no age restriction on providing services to children.

Q: May funds be used to support projects that include education and prevention activities?

A: No. Funds may be used for outreach to inform persons about the services provided by a specific program. For example, a program could use pamphlets, brochures, or community presentations to announce the services available under the grant.

Q: Are volunteer related expenses allowable under this program?

A: Yes. Examples would include training and supervision of volunteers.

Q: Is there a limitation on the types of sexual violence SASP funds may be used to address?

A: Funds may be used to address intimate partner, stranger and non-stranger sexual assault as well as adult, adolescent and child sexual violence. All may be served, including male, female and LGBTQI+.

Q: May SASP funds be used for advocate training?

A: Yes. Training may be provided for volunteers or employees that will provide *SASP specific grant-funded services*, but may not be used to provide a generalized statewide training.

Q: May funds be used for general professional training (i.e. for law enforcement, mental health, prosecutors, etc.)?

A: No, nor may funds be used to develop training curriculums.

Q: May grantees serve adult survivors of child sexual abuse or other survivors of a non-recent assault?

A: Yes. There are no limits on when the assault must have occurred.

Q: May Sexual Assault Nurse/Forensic Examiner programs be funded?

A: No. SASP funds cannot support activities that are conducted by or inherent to the criminal justice system such as sexual assault nurse/forensic examiner programs, law enforcement investigations, and/or prosecution of sex crimes. However, SASP funds can support advocates from non-profit, non-governmental agencies accompanying a victim through any aspect of the criminal justice system.

Q: May SASP funds be used to purchase forensic exam medical equipment?

A: No. No equipment for forensic medical exams can be purchased with this funding. Support equipment, such as computers, can be purchased if they are justified and will support staff

directly working with victims. Staff receiving equipment support must be staff that is fully supported by the SASP grant.

Q: May Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) be funded?

A: No. However, if an advocate position is funded under the grant, the advocates' time in attending SART meetings may be covered as part of the advocacy he or she provides.

Q: May SASP funds support a hotline?

A: Yes. To the extent the hotline is for sexual assault victims. If the hotline covers a broader array of issues, the costs should be pro-rated according to the percentage of calls that are for sexual assault. In order for a multi-issue hotline to receive SASP funds, the people who answer the hotline would need to have sexual assault specific training.

Q: Are women's only or men's only support groups allowable?

A: Yes, assuming that the gender-specificity is for therapeutic reasons. Services should be available for victims of both genders.

Q: How long is "short-term counseling?"

A: Up to one year.