



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

December 16, 2002

Mr. Roy Getting
Fathers for Equal Rights
1525 Elm Street Suite 870
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Getting,

I have reviewed the application submitted to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) on November 27, 2002 for review and prioritization for the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor (CJD) under the Violence Against Women Act funds for FY 2004.

Your application is Ineligible for further review and scoring by the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee for the following reasons:

- The title of your project is "Violence Against Men"
- The Purpose and Program Requirements for Violence Against Women Act you submitted along with your application indicates in the Primary Mission and Purpose (28 C.F.R., Part 90) that "the STOP Violence Against Women Act program provides funds to projects with the primary mission of developing and implementing effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women." (emphasis added)
- Ineligible Activities number one is "Programs that focus on children and/or men,"
- Your Problem statement begins with "Men have not seen themselves, much less the community, as targets of domestic violence yet fit the profile without knowing where to go for services. Emotional support and legal services are needed to meet these special needs."
- The Goal Statement indicates – "To provide outreach to men and children of domestic violence in Dallas County..."
- The Target Group lists as the Gender: "Adult Men"
- Activity 4.7 lists a "Violence Against Men brochure"
- Your Project Objectives begin with "Victims Served: Men and Children served"
- The Project Summary paragraph three states "...The target group of 100 men and children that are targets of domestic violence is less than the projected needs based on various studies showing the amount of violence toward men."

I have included copies of the above pages you submitted with the appropriate language highlighted. Although this may be a very worthy project and a need in Dallas County it is not eligible for funding under the Violence Against Women Act.

I am including the web link to the Office of Violence Against Women for further reference to the Federal Guidelines that both the Criminal Justice Division and the Council of Governments must abide by: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/laws/vawa/vawa.htm>

Our staff recently attended the quarterly training conducted by the Texas Association of Regional Councils in Austin. The presenter for the morning session was the research librarian for the Hogg Foundation in Austin. She did an excellent presentation on how to research and select both Private Foundations as well as Corporations for funding projects. These resources are not only located in Texas but throughout the United States.

She would be most interested in assisting people willing to make a trip to Austin in researching available funding sources for your project from these resources rather than the Violence Against Women Act funds available through CJD or the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. You can reach the library at these numbers:

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas 78713-7998

3001 Lake Austin Blvd
Austin, Texas 78703

512-471-5041

<http://www.hogg.utexas.edu>

She suggested you call ahead and she can advise you on what to do prior to coming down, as well as give them some information on what type of project you intend to seek funding for. The presenter was Allison Supancic, but she can forward you to one of the three other research assistants.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything else I can do to assist you please don't hesitate to contact me by telephone or email.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Neff, Manager
Criminal Justice Programs

cc: enclosures

Aimee Snoddy, Victim Programs Administrator, CJD

VAWA FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN BUDGET

Grant Application Cover Sheet

FILE COPY

1. ENTER Legal Name of the Organization Applying: Fathers for Equal Rights		2. ENTER Title of the Project: Violence Against Men	
3. ENTER Division or Unit to Administer the Project:		4. ENTER Agency's State Payee Identification Number:	
5. a) Is the Applicant Organization Delinquent on State or Federal Debt? (SELECT One): No		5. b) ENTER Date of the Last Audit:	
6. Funding Source (SELECT One): Violence Against Women Act Fund (federal CFDA-16.588)		7. If Continuation Project, ENTER Current Grant Number (15000-01):	
8. ENTER Grant Period (ex MM/dd/yyyy): From 06/01/04 To 05/30/04		9. Budget Information (will auto-fill from budget form): CJD Funds: \$60,000 Cash Match: \$0 In-Kind: \$0 Total: \$60,000	
10. SELECT the Project's Main Purpose Area from ONE of the FOUR Categories Listed Below Based on Funding Source: a) Juvenile Justice and Prevention Projects OR b) Victim Services Projects OR Support Groups		c) Law Enforcement Projects OR NOV 27 2002 d) Crime Stoppers Assistance Projects CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUPPORT	
11. For VAWA Projects ONLY, ENTER the Appropriate Percentage for Each: a) Prosecution: b) Law Enforcement: c) Victim Services: 100% d) Court:			
12. a) LIST the Cities and Counties in the Service Area: Dallas County		b) SELECT Headquarters County: Dallas c) ENTER Population of HQ City: 2,268,150	
13. a) ENTER the Contact Person Information: Title (Mr., Ms., Dr., Judge, etc.): Mr. Name: Roy Getting Position: Address: 1525 Elm St, Suite 870 City/State/Zip: Dallas TX 75201 Telephone: 214-953-2233 Fax: 214-953-0633 E-mail: rag@airmail.net		13. b) ENTER the Authorized Official Information: Title (Mr., Ms., Dr., Judge, etc.): Mr. Name: Doug Clark Position: Executive Director Address: 1525 Elm St, Suite 870 City/State/Zip: Dallas TX 75201 Telephone: 214-953-2233 Fax: 214-953-0633 E-mail: dclark2@airmail.net	
13. c) ENTER the Project Director Information: Title (Mr., Ms., Dr., Judge, etc.): Mr. Name: Roy Getting Position: Address: 1525 Elm St, Suite 870 City/State/Zip: Dallas TX 75201 Telephone: 214-953-2233 Fax: 214-953-0633 E-mail: rag@airmail.net		13. d) ENTER the Financial Officer Information: Title (Mr., Ms., Dr., Judge, etc.): Mr. Name: Tom Nicol Position: Attorney Address: 5646 Milton St, Suite 510 City/State/Zip: Dallas TX 75206 Telephone: 214-750-6100 Fax: 214-265-1235 E-mail: tnicol@wirecrossing.com	
14. a) Did the Applicant Attend an Application Workshop? (SELECT One): Yes		14. b) ENTER the Date and City of the Workshop Attended: 09/04/2002 Arlington, TX	
15. a) Is this Application in Response to a Request for Applications (RFA) as Published in the Texas Register? (SELECT One): No		b) If a Local/Regional Project, SELECT the COG to Which the Application Was Submitted: North Central Texas Council Of Governments - 0400	
c) If this is a Project with Statewide Impact, ENTER the Date the Application Was Submitted to the Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS):			
16. FOR COG USE ONLY: a) Is this Application Shared with Another COG? (ENTER "Yes" or "No") b) CPTN # c) Priority # d) COG Application ID:			
17. Eligible Applicant Organization Type (SELECT One): Nonprofit Corporation			

VAWA FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN

**PURPOSE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

Primary Mission and Purpose (28 C.F.R., Part 90)

The STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) program provides funds to projects with the primary mission of developing and implementing effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

Federal Distribution Requirements (28 C.F.R., Part 90 and Division B, VAWA 2000, Section 1102)

According to federal rules, CJD must distribute at least 25% of grant funds for law enforcement programs, 25% for prosecution programs, 30% for victim services programs, and 5% for court programs.

Funding Levels

- Minimum Award - \$5,000
- Maximum Award - \$80,000
- Maximum Award for Violence Against Women Courts - \$250,000

Eligible Applicants (T.A.C., Section 3.905)

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| ❖ State Agencies | ❖ Local Units of Government |
| ❖ Non-Profit Corporations | ❖ Faith-Based Organizations |
| ❖ Indian Tribal Governments | ❖ Crime Control Prevention Districts |
| ❖ Community Supervision & Corrections | ❖ Universities |
| ❖ Councils of Governments | |

Eligible Activities (Purpose Areas) (28 C.F.R., Part 90 and Division B, VAWA 2000, Section 1103)

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| ❖ Training | ❖ Indian Tribes |
| ❖ Special Units | ❖ Multidisciplinary Efforts |
| ❖ Policies and Protocols | ❖ SANE Nurses |
| ❖ Data Collection | ❖ Elder Abuse |
| ❖ Victim Services | ❖ Immigration |
| ❖ Stalking | |

Additional Requirements (State Priorities) (T.A.C., Section 3.903)

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| ❖ Priorities for Victim Services Projects | ❖ Priorities for Prosecution Projects |
| ❖ Priorities for Law Enforcement Projects | ❖ Priorities for Court Projects |

Ineligible Activities

1. Programs that focus on children and/or men;
2. Legal assistance and representation in civil matter other than protective orders;
3. Cash payment to victims;
4. Employment agency fees;
5. Fund-raising;
6. Liability Insurance on buildings;
7. Major maintenance on buildings;
8. Newsletters, including supplies, printing, postage and time;
9. Legal defense services for perpetrators of violence against women; and
10. Any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project or that is provided by other federal, state, or local funds, including the Texas Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

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VAWA FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN NARRATIVE

VAWA PROJECT NARRATIVE & SUMMARY

PART 1: PROBLEM STATEMENT AND DATA

Need Help?

Men have not seen themselves, much less the community, as targets of domestic violence yet fit the profile without knowing where to go for services. Emotional support and legal services are needed to meet these special needs.

Information on violence against men is indirect as related to violence against women. The City of Dallas Police Department has collected information on family violence calls and arrests.

According to the Texas Department of Human Services, between 1998 and 2000, 59.22% of victims sought outreach services instead of emergency shelters. Dallas County has one of the highest rates of domestic violence. Statistics from the City of Dallas for the year 2001 show there were 20,448 calls related to domestic violence. For the first six months of 2002 there were 11,272 calls. Women accounted for 968 arrests in the year 2001 and 478 in the first six months in 2002. The men had no place to go for services geared to help men and their children.

Many of these victims need free or low cost civil legal assistance in addition to advocates to inform them of options to their rights, safety, and a trusted link to the courts to ensure they are heard. The Dallas County Domestic Violence Focus Group identified Support Groups (page 2), Legal Services (page 3), and Victim Advocates (page 5) as needed service areas.

The existing domestic violence services are geared toward helping women and not men and their children.

PART 2: GOAL STATEMENT

Need Help?

To provide outreach to men and children of domestic violence in Dallas County and to effectively coordinate services and advocacy with victim services providers, law enforcement, and criminal justice agencies to ensure services men and children.

PART 3: TARGET GROUP

Need Help?

Geographic Area: Dallas County

Type of Victimization: Assault related offenses against men and children

Gender: Adult men

Underserved Population: All races and ethnicities

Age: 18 and up adults and their children

Profession of Personnel to be Trained (if applicable):

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4.5 Provide a summary of any training activities for outside agency staff including who will be trained and on what topics they will be trained.

No outside training performed

4.6 Provide a summary of any relevant curricula for VAWA training projects.

No outside training

4.7 Provide a list of work products of staff, if any (i.e. program brochures, training manuals, protocols, etc.).

Violence Against Men brochure
Advocating for Men brochure

PART 5: PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Need Help?

Provide specific output and outcome (as required) measures for this project:

Output Measures - Required for All Projects	Current Data	Target Level
Victims Served: Men & children served	N/A *	100
Personnel Trained (identify type of personnel here):		
Other (please specify below)		
Information and referrals	N/A*	250
Follow up contacts	N/A*	200

Outcome Measures - Required for Projects Providing Training and for All Criminal Justice-Related Projects	Current Data	Target Level
victims court assistance	N/A*	80%
Information and referrals follow up	N/A*	75%
Court Follow up contacts	N/A*	80%
Satisfaction survey	N/A*	80%

* NEW PROGRAM, NO DATA AVAILABLE

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NARRATIVE

PART 6: PROJECT SUMMARY:

Need Help?

There has been a disappointing response from the present domestic violence organizations when it comes to the treatment of men and their children. This program is intended to identify this previously under-served segment of domestic violence. Domestic violence knows neither fairness nor political correctness only those that are targets of this violence. The general public recognizes there is a problem with no current program addressing this group.

Domestic violence that is perpetuated against victims is grounded in an abuse of power by the offenders, reinforced through intimidation and coercion, sanctioned by traditional societal and cultural norms and supported by the legal system's historically discriminatory response to domestic violence.

Fathers for Equal Rights (FER) seeks this grant to reach out to a segment of society that is not receiving any services nor assistance. The target group of 100 men and children that are targets of domestic violence is less than the projected needs based on various studies showing the amount of violence toward men. As with any start up program, the initial per capita cost is relatively high at \$600 per person.

The program will target various civic and community organizations with information and identifiers of domestic violence. A partnership will be developed to better provide service for advocacy and victim rights. As this program develops the target group will expand to meet the need.

This application provides for training counselors and victim advocates. The counselors and advocates will provide direct aide to the victims and to facilitate liaison and community partnerships with other victim service providers aimed at the victims to become self sufficient in a safe environment.

This funding will provide men and children that are targets of domestic violence with information, referrals, counselors, follow up contact, and personal advocates as well as other identified needs that present themselves.

FER serves as a link to the community services that presently exist in uncoordinated service for men and children. This link provides initial and ongoing support, advocacy, accompaniment services, and encourage local awareness of and among the victim services organizations thus reducing duplication of existing services..