

Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities

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Director

Office on Violence Against Women 145 N Street, NE
Washington, DC 20530

Fort Bend County certifies that any funds received through the OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Demonstration Program on Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold) Program will be not be used for the following out-of-scope activities:

1. Promoting or facilitating the violation of federal immigration law.
2. Inculcating or promoting gender ideology as defined in Executive Order 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.
3. Promoting or facilitating discriminatory programs or ideology, including illegal DEI and “diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility” programs that do not advance the policy of equal dignity and respect, as described in Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity. This prohibition is not intended to interfere with any of OVW’s statutory obligations, such as funding for HBCUs, culturally specific services, and disability programs.
4. Activities that frame domestic violence or sexual assault as systemic social justice issues rather than criminal offenses (e.g., prioritizing criminal justice reform or social justice theories over victim safety and offender accountability).
5. Generic community engagement or economic development without a clear link to violence prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
6. Programs that discourage collaboration with law enforcement or oppose or limit the role of police, prosecutors, or immigration enforcement in addressing violence against women.
7. Awareness campaigns or media that do not lead to tangible improvements in prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
8. Initiatives that prioritize illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and legal residents in receiving victim services and support.
9. Excessive funding for consulting fees, training, administrative costs, or other expenses not related to measurable violence prevention, victim support, and offender accountability.
10. Any activity or program that unlawfully violates an Executive Order.
11. Research projects. Funds under this program may not be used to conduct research, defined by 28 C.F.R. § 46.102(d) as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. However, assessments conducted for internal improvement purposes only may be allowable. For information on distinguishing between research and assessments.
12. Direct victim services. Grant funds are intended to support the work of law enforcement agencies to train officers to use trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches and

investigative techniques. Grant funds cannot be used by victim services providers to support direct services to victims.

13. Prevention activities. Grant funds may not be used for prevention activities. Grantees are only permitted to engage in outreach activities to inform potential victims about the availability of services.
14. Addressing child abuse. Grant funds may not be used for activities and training related to investigating child physical or sexual abuse allegations, unless the allegations involve sexual assault of a victim age 11 or older.
15. Sex offender registry. Grant funds may not be used to create sex offender registries.
16. Curriculum development. OVW has worked closely with a national technical assistance provider with relevant expertise in investigating sexual assault and in curriculum development to create training materials. These materials must be used for the training funded under this program.

Sincerely,

[Applicant Authorizing Official]