



Overview of SFY21.22
Legislative Funding Request

Statewide Sexual Assault and
Interpersonal Violence
Prevention Funding

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A team of statewide non-profit victim service providers and key stakeholder organizations who provide confidential services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence throughout Utah including the three state coalitions: Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Restoring Ancestral Winds.

Why is dedicated funding for prevention education necessary in Utah?

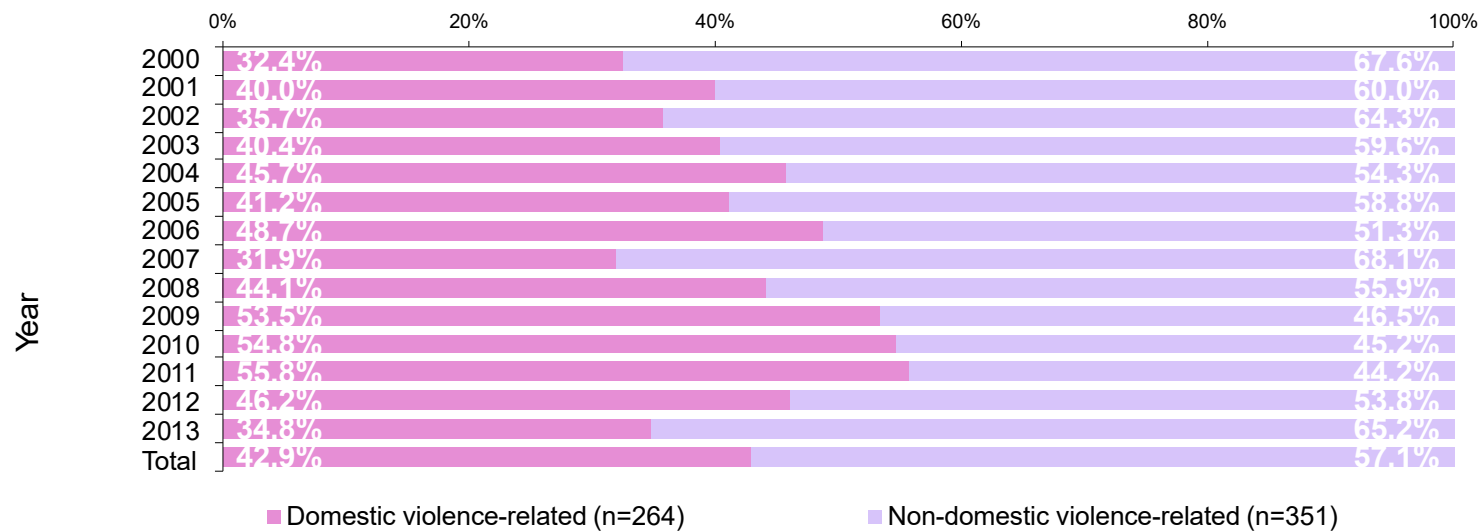
According to the FBI, Utah ranks 9th in the nation for reported rape.

Without dedicated, coordinated, proven prevention programming statewide, the prevalence of sexual assault in Utah communities will continue to have a number of serious consequences, especially for youth.

- 27.9% of Utah students reported experiencing some form of dating violence.
- Sexual assault costs Utah an estimated \$4.9 billion in one year
- Victims of assault and violence are at higher risk for negative mental health conditions, including suicidality.
- Victims are at higher risk of addiction, often using substances as an escape or to self-medicate, attempting to cope with the symptoms of trauma and associated feelings of shame.
- There is a disproportionate impact of sexual violence on marginalized communities and communities of color.

(Sources: Mengo, Cecilia & Black, Beverly. (2015). Violence Victimization on a College Campus: Impact on GPA and School Dropout. Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available on line at www.cdc.gov/brfss. Utah Department of Health, Violence and Injury Prevention Program "Cost of Sexual Violence Report", 2105.)

Percentage of domestic violence-related and non-domestic violence-related adult homicides, Utah, 2000-2013 (Utah DOH VIPP)



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Families in Utah are facing increased risks factors as the public health and economic crisis intersect with domestic violence and sexual assault.

- 34% increase in calls to crisis and helplines
- 15% increase in the number of people provided emergency shelter
- 31% increase in case management services
- 36% increase in the LAP (lethality assessment protocol) referrals from law enforcement
- Rape Recovery Center has experienced a 157% increase in prevention education engagement during the pandemic.



Why is dedicated funding for prevention education necessary in Utah?

- This funding request is intended to replace one-time state funding (TANF) administered to this team of victim service organizations by the Department of Health which ceases on June, 30, 2021.
- Evidence-based prevention education helps us get upstream, preventing rape, domestic violence and homicide across the socio-economic spectrum in Utah
- Saves local communities and municipalities costly public service expenses
- Breaks intergenerational risk

Where will this requested state funding go?

- The requested funding is for at least 19 community-based organizations statewide and other agencies identified by the DOH
- Qualified Prevention experts will provide early prevention education when adolescents are developing moral reasoning and social problem-solving skills, while attitudes and beliefs about violence are shaped, and when the development of respectful relationships can be cultivated.
- In addition to the estimated costs itemized by agency, we also seek to add administrative costs for the funding pass thru agency (DOH) in the amount of \$220,000.

SFY21-22 Requested SGF for Prevention Education Budget

PROJECT TITLE/BUDGET CATEGORY	PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNT
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH VIPP	\$220,000.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES (TO BE AWARDED THRU DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS VIA RFP)	\$2,200,000.00
TOTAL ANNUAL ONGOING SGF REQUEST TO SUPPORT PREVENTION EDUCATION	\$2,420,000.00

Prevention Education Performance Measures

The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention uses a 4-step approach to address public health problems like sexual violence and abuse:

- 1) Define the problem. ✓
 - 2) Identify risk and protective factors. ✓
 - 3) Develop and test prevention strategies. ✓
 - 4) Assure widespread adoption across each Utah county
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- **Additional funding will support our ongoing efforts to achieve #4, assuring widespread adoption of proven prevention strategies throughout Utah, and**
 - **Support culturally relevant prevention strategies that are responsive to the identities of underserved or marginalized communities.**

(Source: Wilkins, N., Tsao, B., Hertz, M., Davis, R., Klevens, J. (2014). Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Oakland, CA: Prevention Institute.)

Prevention Education Outcome Measures

We anticipate improved findings per the Utah Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System within the Utah Department of Health, including:

- Percentage of Utah students reporting being verbally or emotionally harmed one or more times
- Percentage of Utah students reporting being physically hurt on purpose one or more times
- Percentage of Utah students reporting experiencing some form of dating violence
- Percentage of of Utah students reporting they were bullied on school property
- Percentage of Utah students reporting they were electronically bullied

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