



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Asking for \$300,000 of ongoing state funding for the 24/7 Statewide Sexual Assault helplines available in both English and Spanish. These helplines provide immediate (free and confidential) support and resources to victims, professionals, law enforcement and families who have been affected by sexual violence.

Legislative designee contact information:

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Organization: Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA)

Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2026:	\$5,000.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$10,000.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$45,000.00
	2027:	\$0.00



Statewide Sexual Assault Helpline

Social Services

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$300,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes



Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

02205

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State Government

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA)

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

The 24/7 Sexual assault crisis helpline is made available to all counties in the state of Utah both city and rural/urban. We provide support for victims, secondary, professionals, law enforcement and even incarcerated individuals. These funds will ensure that all those who reside in the State of Utah have access to immediate crisis support and the resources they need to navigate a sexual assault event.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

In the past year we have seen a 142% increase in calls between our English and Spanish lines. We intend to leverage and support programs who don't have substantial funding to support a 24/7 helpline. This is essential especially in our rural areas. Our largest demographic of callers is collegiate ages between 18-24 and adding a chat/text feature will allow us to service those areas more effectively.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

We anticipate further uptick in calls as our outreach team will be able to increase community education, offer training and TA to local businesses. Every call that comes through is logged and we can gauge the demand and needs of our communities. This allows us to be able to offer relevant resources based on demographic and county. A quarterly report will help us determine the amount of calls coming in and what areas are seeing the most need for this type of support.

1. Performance Measure: recruit and provide ongoing support to volunteer advocates Target: Onboard at least 12 volunteer advocates quarterly and provide quarterly in service training for said advocates based on helpline needs and trends. Data Source / Method of measurement: Tracking registrations and maintain advocates through regular check-ins and mandatory quarterly LIVE training.
2. Performance Measure: Connection to community-based support services. Target: At least 90% of helpline contacts, when appropriate and survivor-consented, will receive one or more referrals to community-based services (e.g., advocacy, counseling, medical, legal, or shelter services). Data Source / Method of Measurement: Advocate documentation and referral tracking within the secure helpline data system.
3. Performance Measure: Volume of individuals accessing helpline services. Target: Serve a minimum of 375 individuals per quarter through the Statewide Sexual Assault Helpline . Data Source / Method of Measurement: Helpline platform reports capturing unique contacts served, disaggregated by contact type (call, text, chat) while maintaining survivor confidentiality.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees



Statewide Sexual Assault Helpline

Social Services

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