

Project Abstract



Part 1: Please identify the applicant point of contact (POC)

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Part 2: Please identify the application

Application Information	
Solicitation Name	National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative FY 2016 Competitive Grant
Project Title	Montana 2016 SAKI Grant
Proposed Start Date	10/01/2016
Proposed End Date	09/30/2019
Funding Amount Requested	\$1,999,040

Part 3: Please identify the project location and applicant type

Project Location and Applicant Type	
Project Location (City, State)	Montana Statewide
Applicant Type (Tribal Nation, State, County, City, Nonprofit, Other)	State Government



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Enter additional project abstract information. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, this information includes:

- Brief description of the problem to be addressed and target area and population
- Project goals and objectives
- Brief statement of project strategy or overall program
- Description of any significant partnerships
- Anticipated outcomes and major deliverables

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The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) is requesting \$1,999,040 in BJA funding through the National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative to test and track unsubmitted sexual assault evidence kits (SAKs), identify the issues that have created the high number of unsubmitted kits, and facilitate a multi-disciplinary team to develop victim-centered policies and procedures in responding to sexual assaults and eliminating unsubmitted SAKs.

MBCC applies under Purpose Area 1 with the following committed partners: Montana Department of Justice (DOJ) – Attorney General’s Office, Division of Criminal Investigation, the Forensic Science Division/State Crime Lab, and the Montana Law Enforcement Academy as well as others. The project goal is to create a statewide comprehensive plan that will:

1. Utilize a multi-disciplinary team to develop evidence-based, victim-centered protocols in obtaining and testing unsubmitted and new sexual assault evidence kits. In 2015, Montana’s Attorney General appointed a multi-disciplinary team of experts, called the Montana Sexual Assault Evidence Task Force, to examine the issue of unsubmitted SAKs in Montana and to develop policies and procedures for submission of kits for forensic testing that will result in increased prosecution of sexual assault offenders while ensuring victim-centered notification for survivors;
2. Hire a Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Site Coordinator who will facilitate communication between the Task Force and project partners, as well as law enforcement jurisdictions and survivors whose kits result in positive DNA hits in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS); and
3. Provide a complete inventory of unsubmitted kits in Montana and track those kits through the project period. The Montana Attorney General certifies 1,410 identified kits statewide that have not been submitted to Montana’s State Crime Lab for testing. The inventory and reasons for non-submission will help guide the Task Force in creating new policies and protocols that will be applied consistently across Montana to prevent additional unsubmitted SAKs held in evidence rooms.

Finally, grant funds will allow Montana DOJ to create a sexual assault team to include a SAKI Site Coordinator/Justice Advocate, Community Victim Advocate, a Sexual Assault Investigator, and a Training Coordinator to train law enforcement personnel in appropriate evidence collection and submission of SAKs to the Crime Lab, investigation, and effective victim-centered notification to survivors whose kits are tested. By implementing a holistic approach, Montana’s victims of sexual assault will benefit from best practices in sexual assault response and evidence collection. OJP has permission to share this project abstract.

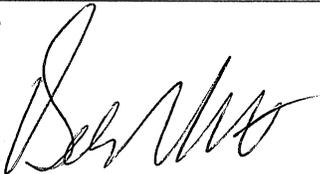


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