

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296162

ADOPTED ON MAR 18 2002

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend a \$42,700 Outreach and Education to Unserved/Under Served Populations through Partnering with Local Community Agencies and Groups Grant, from the State of California Department of Justice, for the Barrier Free Justice Project, under the terms and conditions outlined in the letter to Assistant City Attorney Gael Strack from Assistant Attorney General Melanie Mercado, dated January 24, 2002, attached hereto as Attachment A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego hereby agrees to hold the Department of Justice and the State of California harmless from any liability arising out of the performance of the grant agreement, including court actions or damages.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By Stuart H. Swett
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Senior Deputy City Attorney

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January 24, 2002

Gael Strack, Assistant City Attorney
San Diego City Attorney's Office
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Nine West Augmentation - Outreach and Education to Unserved/Under Served Populations through Partnering with Local Community Agencies and Groups

Dear Ms. Strack:

It is my pleasure to inform you that your agency has been awarded \$42,700 for Outreach and Education to Unserved/Under Served Populations through Partnering with Local Community Agencies and Groups. This grant period will run from January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002. You may begin spending your grant as of January 1, 2002.

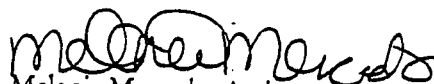
Enclosed for your approval are FOUR (4) copies of the Nine West Augmentation grant award agreement. Please SIGN ALL FOUR COPIES in the "Official authorized to sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient" box and return ALL FOUR COPIES to the address noted below. When final approval is obtained for this agreement, an approved copy will be mailed to you.

Please return all copies to:

Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program
Department of Justice
1300 I Street, Room 1020
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Melanie Mercado

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 323-6968 or by email at melanie.mercado@doj.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


Melanie Mercado, Assistant
Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program

For BILL LOCKYER
Attorney General

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Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)
NINE WEST OUTREACH GRANT AWARD**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) hereby makes a grant award of funds to San Diego City Attorney's Office (Grantee), in the amount and for the purpose and duration set forth in this grant award.

Award Number: 01SA08E024(2)
Amount of Grant: \$42,700 Grant Period: 1/1/02 - 6/30/02


Implementing Agency: San Diego City Attorney's Office
District Attorney: Casey Gwinn
Title: City Attorney Phone: 619-236-6220
Project Director: Gael Strack
Title: Assistant City Attorney Phone: 619-533-5515
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City/Zip Code: San Diego, CA 92101
Email: gbs@sdcity.sannet.gov

The grant recipient signifies acceptance of this grant award and agrees to administer the grant project in accordance with the statute(s), the Program Guidelines, and the Request for Proposal as contained in the grant application prepared and submitted by the Implementing Agency and as approved by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

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Item: _____
Chapter: _____
Amount: _____
Year: _____
Fund: _____
Program: _____

Official authorized to sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient:

Signature: 
Title: City Attorney
Printed Name: Casey Gwinn
Address: 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: 619-236-5640
Email: cgwinn@sandiego.gov

I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purposes of the expenditure stated above:

Chief, Accounting Office, DOJ

Date: _____

Chief, Criminal Law, DOJ

Date: _____

Application Form

Applicant: The City Of San Diego Attorney's Office

Prepared by (name and job title): Charlene Browne, Associate Management Analyst

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Section I- Need

List needs, goals and expected outcome

We are requesting support for the San Diego Domestic Violence Justice Center's Barrier Free Justice Project. This program will serve women with disabilities who are victims of sexual assault and/or domestic violence. This project will begin by the formation of a task force comprised of domestic violence professionals including representatives from criminal justice and victim advocacy agencies, disabled community members and key staff from agencies that serve various disabled populations. At least half of the task force will be made up of individuals representing a broad range of disabilities.

The Barrier Free Justice Task Force will work together to develop and disseminate a city-wide needs assessment to determine how to identify, prevent and respond to domestic violence and sexual assaults within the disabled community as well as to identify and provide access to appropriate supportive services. Our strategies will include education and training for criminal justice professionals on respectful, emphatic attitudes when working with disabled persons and training for front line staff who work with disabled persons on how to recognize signs of an abusive situation and provide resources for referrals appropriate resources and services.

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The goals of the Barrier Free Justice Project are to:

1. Form a representational task force on domestic violence and sexual assault response for women with disabilities,
2. Develop a needs assessment to address domestic violence and sexual assault response for women with disabilities,
3. Establish protocols for appropriate response to domestic violence and sexual assault of disabled victims,
4. Disseminate the protocol through the training of criminal justice and disabled serving professionals including the police, and
5. Preparation of a final report on best practices and protocols

The expected outcomes of this project are to increase awareness of domestic violence/sexual assault crimes against disabled women and the establishment of a coordinated, targeted response to meet the needs of the victim from intervention through resolution including full access to all needed services.

Section II - Identified Participants

1. List local community groups that you will be working with (Include experience of applicant or subcontracting agency).

Name of Organization	Services	Years in Operation
Able Disabled Advocacy	Job training and placement services for disabled populations	Established in 1973
Stein Education Center	Individualized education, recreation, behavioral and independent living skills programs for developmentally disabled young adults	Established in 1980
Deaf Women United San Diego	Dedicated to the empowerment, enrichment and recognizing the	Established 1985

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	contributions of deaf women to society advocates for equal access	
Center for Community Solutions	Legal and supportive advocacy services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims	Established in 1971
Adult Protective Services	Information and Assistance to elderly, dependent adults and their caregivers, case management and abuse investigation	Established in 1979
County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services	Advocacy, safety, information and quality of life for seniors and person with disabilities	Established in 1974- Contracts with 60 local agencies to provide services

This is a partial list of agencies that have agreed to participate on the task force. When established, the task force will include additional members from the disabled community representing diverse, disabled groups.

2. How will you provide services to the unserved/underserved populations?

We will provide outreach, information and education services through various disabled community channels identified through the needs assessment. The project will be involved with reviewing and evaluating the range of services available to victims with disabilities; improving accessibility to the criminal justice system for victims; increased awareness for criminal justice and disabled service professionals on the scope of domestic violence and sexual assault within the disabled population; and the dynamics, needs and unique issues of the disabled victim. The task force will identify existing resources and identify crucial gaps in current services including the need for a specialized response system such as sign language interpretation, safety planning, specialized crisis counseling, legal advocacy and individualized intervention services. The Barrier Free

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Justice Task Force will work to create a bridge built on respect and trust between law enforcement, prosecutors, domestic violence advocates and the disabled community. The goal of the Barrier Free Justice project is to improve early identification and intervention of domestic violence cases in the disabled community.

3. How do you identify the unserved/underserved population? Who are these women?

The task force will include members representing the disabled populations in the City of San Diego including physically challenged, developmentally delayed, psychological and emotionally disabled populations as well as line staff from agencies who serve them. The Barrier Free Justice Task Force will determine the scope of the needs assessment and methodologies used to identify and conduct outreach to the unserved/underserved population. Since different dynamics of abuse come into play for each disability type, a multi-disciplinary approach is required in order to ensure that services are appropriate. The complexities of the situation are intensified when the victim is dependent on the abuser or self-care and daily assistance. In addition, there is a lack of trust within some specific disabled communities in requesting existing services because of feelings of marginalization, isolation and a perceived lack of understanding of people from outside the disabled population. This lack of trust towards mainstream agencies such as the courts and police is based on experience with a system designed to serve people without disabilities. Research shows that people with disabilities are more likely to be targeted for abuse, stay in abusive relationships longer, are at much high risk for abuse than non-disabled population and consistently cite fear of violence as a top concern

4. Are you currently receiving grant(s) for the unserved/underserved population in your county?

We are not currently receiving any funds to serve disabled domestic violence/sexual assault victims in the City of San Diego and have determined that there is an immense

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gap in outreach, education and supportive services available to meet their needs outside their direct service agencies.

Section III – Curriculum/Format

Describe your proposed curriculum, services and/or partnerships, if applicable.

The services that would be provided through this grant include the formation and facilitation of a representative task force to design the components and administration of a comprehensive needs assessment to determine the best practices, protocols and needed services to meet the full array of needs of the disabled domestic violence and sexual assault victim. The results of the needs assessment and recommendations will be compiled into a final report. Training sessions for law enforcement and criminal justice staff and the disabled service agencies are tentatively planned for May and June. The final report will be completed two months after the last training session is completed.

Section IV – Training (If Applicable)

Please indicate what types of training you have selected. Include resumes of trainers.

The results of the needs assessment and recommendations will serve as the basis to plan training for police, prosecutors, court personnel and victim advocates on how to respond to disabled domestic violence incidents, as well as how to effectively communicate and develop rapport with victims to assist them to recover from sexual assault and domestic abuse and establish their lives free from violence. Training and education will also be provided to agencies that work with and serve disabled populations to recognize and report abuse with an emphasis on early intervention and prevention strategies. All trainings will be developed with conscientious attention to incorporate the feedback, advice, guidelines and contributions provided by disabled individuals participating on the Barrier Free Justice Task Force. A final report of the findings of the task force and

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feedback from the training sessions will be prepared two months after the final training sessions.


Section V – Evaluation

Describe how you intend to assess the success of your proposed program

The purpose of the Barrier Free Justice Task Force is to design and disseminate a needs assessment to determine the best practices for preventing, and responding to disabled domestic violence and sexual assault victims. The results of the needs assessment will be incorporated into the development of protocols and training for criminal justice agency personnel and for people serving the disabled community. The evaluation will consist of qualitative methods and comparison analysis. The actual needs assessment tool will be reviewed and rated by members of the disabled community as well as experts in the domestic violence field for a variety of relevant factors including:

- Level of awareness of the disabled population of existing services
- Physical accessibility to existing services
- Attitudes of criminal justice personnel to disabled women and their caretakers
- Appropriateness of existing services to the disabled population
- Current outreach efforts to the disabled population
- Identification of services gaps

In addition, we will gather post training surveys that rate the value of the training and will incorporate the recommendations into the training curriculum as part of a continuous improvement process. These processes will gather the multiple perspectives of the target community and will help us gain insight into best practices to serve disabled domestic violence and sexual abuse victims in the City of San Diego. The evaluation, results and final report will be prepared by the project manager. We believe we will be able to share the results of this project far beyond our city limits due to the efforts of Assistant City Attorney Gael Strack, a international expert, advocate and dynamic speaker on domestic violence policies, strategies and innovations.

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