

LANCASTER COUNTY GRANT FORM

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(On behalf of: Lancaster County)

- 1. Funding source: U.S. Dept. of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
- 2. Grant due date: March 7, 2022
- 3. Amount requested: \$550,000
- 4. Other sources of funding anticipated: None.

Funding Source	In-kind	Cash	Committed	Pending
a.				
b.				
c.				
d.				

- 5. Project Contact: Sara Hoyle
 Phone Number: 402-441-6868
- 6. Number of years grant will run if funded: 3
- 7. This grant is: New Continuation

8. General purpose for grant: (2-3 sentences)
The project's goal is to improve the response to juvenile court child abuse cases where domestic abuse is co-occurring. The project will bolster the Separate Juvenile Court of Lancaster County's Safe and Healthy Families Court. Elise White is the judge of the Safe and Healthy Families Court. The project will also provide education and outreach to improve access, including with several underserved populations and training within the juvenile justice system. Funded project partners will be Voices of Hope, the Asian Community and Cultural Center, and Family Violence Council, which will coordinate the project.

- 9. Attach a one page summary of grant.
- 10. Attach a one page budget of grant.

	Total
Voices of Hope	\$366,467
Family Violence Council	135,000
Asian Center	25,000
Indirect to county	23,533
Total	\$550,000

Grant Summary

This grant application is to the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Justice for Families Program. The application is for three years and a total of \$550,000. If funded, the grant period would be Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2025.

This project would enhance the existing Safe and Healthy Families Initiative (SAHFI) established by the Family Violence Council through a three-year "Breakthrough Initiative" grant from the Woods Charitable Fund.

SAHFI seeks to improve the outcomes of juvenile court cases where domestic abuse is co-occurring. One of the ways it will do that is collaborating and coordinating with the Safe and Healthy Families Juvenile Court of Judge Elise White. This project seeks to enhance both the collaboration with Judge White and with SAHFI.

The project also seeks to actively involve the Asian Community and Cultural Center and El Centro de las Americas in the effort to improve outcomes through outreach, education and advocacy provided by VOH. The project builds on the collaboration between ACC, EC and VOH that has existed for many years.

Funded partners would be the Family Violence Council, Voices of Hope and ACCC. Here are project goals and objectives:

Goal 1: Initiate project to enhance the Safe and Healthy Initiative that supports the Safe and Healthy Juvenile Court.

Objective 1: Establish active, engaged Project Management Team (PMT). A Project Management Team will be established to oversee the project.

Objective 2: Collaborate with the PMT of the Safe and Healthy Families Initiative. Project PMT members will collaborate with and maintain strong connections with the PMT for the Safe and Healthy Family Initiative.

Objective 3: Ensure the project is DV informed, victim centered and services to victims promote safety for child and adult victims and accountability for perpetrators.

Objective 4: Establish coordination and collaboration with Safe and Healthy Family Juvenile Court. This project is primarily designed to support and enhance the infrastructure around the Safe and Healthy Family Juvenile Court which focuses on child abuse cases where domestic abuse is co-occurring. In doing so, the project is also supporting the pending application with the Nebraska Supreme Court to make this into a Specialty Court. Once the application is approved, the project will support the work of the Specialty Court.

Goal 2: Provide training for court-based and court-related personnel, CFS workers and within the civil justice system to insure they are informed on the dynamics on the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Objective 1: Train court-based and court-related personnel on the dynamics including information on perpetrator behavior, evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide, and on issues relating to the needs of victims, including safety, security, privacy, and confidentiality, including cases in which the victim proceeds pro se.

This training will focus on domestic abuse but include information regarding other areas. We have a DV-informed definition.

Objective 2: Provide Training within the civil justice system to assist judges, judicial personnel, attorneys, child welfare personnel, and legal advocates in the civil justice system.

Objective 3: Provide education and outreach programs to improve community access.

Goal 3: Improve outreach, services, civil and criminal justice responses, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from underserved communities

Objective 1: Achieve improvements with 4 populations served by Asian Community and Cultural Center on child abuse situations where domestic abuse is co-occurring

Objective 2: Achieve improvements with Latino/Hispanic populations on child abuse situations where domestic abuse is co-occurring.