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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES FUNDING

Domestic Violence Shelter and Services (DVSS) contracts

Funding:
A combination of federal funds and state General Revenue funds

Key legislation:
Federally authorized by the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA). Both the state and federal funding levels are determined through annual appropriations bills.

Administering departments:
Federal funds originate in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), then are appropriated for state-level administration to the Department of Social Services (DSS). The state funds are appropriated by the Missouri General Assembly and also are administered by DSS.

What it funds:
Units of Shelter and Related Services for victims of domestic violence, including shelter (as a 24-hour “bednight”), transitional housing, hotline, crisis intervention, case management, legal advocacy, therapy for adults, support groups for adults, therapy for children and support groups for children. Federal funds also will allow for batterer intervention program (BIP) services, prevention and outreach services.

How it works:
Programs complete a single grant application for both federal and state funds. Programs can choose to apply for funding for a range of services, including emergency shelter and other related services to victims of domestic violence and their dependents. Programs must not charge a fee for services, and must establish and implement policies and protocols for maintaining the safety and confidentiality of victims and their dependents. Services must be provided in accordance with MCADSV Standards for Domestic Violence Programs. Contracts for the provision of services are awarded on a one-year basis, with possible renewal for up to two additional one-year periods. Programs submit monthly invoices for units of services provided. Programs must submit Monthly Services Reports (MSRs) and Outcomes to MCADSV.

For more information:
Missouri Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 2320, Jefferson City, MO 65103
(573) 751-3221
https://mydss.mo.gov/domestic-violence-shelters-and-services
Domestic Violence Shelter and Services Emergency Shelter
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) contracts

Funding:
Federal funds awarded for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) public assistance program that are designated as support services for TANF recipients.

Key legislation:
Federally authorized by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). Both the state and federal funding levels are determined through annual appropriations bills.

Administering departments:
Federal funds originate in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), then are appropriated for state-level administration to the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS).

What it funds:
Emergency shelter units for individuals who meet income qualifications. Qualifying families must have an income that does not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level. For more information on qualifying family income levels, see http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/tempa.htm

How it works:
These funds are included in DVSS grants, as detailed on page 2. Programs must provide emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their dependents, must not charge a fee for services, and must establish and implement policies and protocols for maintaining the safety and confidentiality of victims and their dependents. Services must be provided in accordance with MCADSV Standards for Domestic Violence Programs. Contracts for the provision of services are awarded on a one-year basis, with possible renewal for additional one-year periods. Programs submit monthly invoices for units of services provided. Programs must submit Monthly Services Reports (MSRs) and Outcomes to MCADSV.

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https://mydss.mo.gov/domestic-violence-shelters-and-services
State Services to Victims Fund (SSVF) grants

Funding:
Court costs assessed and collected in state courts for crime convictions, including infractions and violations of municipal or county ordinances.

Key legislation:
The fund is authorized in state statute (Chapter 595 RSMo), and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget. This statute divides the funds between SSVF grants and funding for the Crime Victims’ Compensation program (CVC) and other uses.

Administering department:
Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS)—Crime Victim Services Unit (CVSU)

What it funds:
Grants of SSVF funds support direct services to victims of crime and typically are awarded to support personnel costs of those who provide direct victim services, including training for staff and volunteers on providing direct services.

How it works:
Programs must apply for grants awarded on a one-year cycle. No matching funds are required. Programs must detail in their grant applications how the proposed services are in compliance with the MCADSV Standards for Domestic Violence Programs. Grant funds are received as reimbursement for expenses, and eligible, reimbursable costs must be spent within the grant period.

For more information:
Missouri Department of Public Safety—Crime Victim Services Unit
P.O. Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0749
(866) 334-6682
www.dps.mo.gov, then click on “Crime Victim Services Unit”
cvsu@dps.mo.gov
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants

**Funding:**
Fines, penalties and forfeitures collected in federal courts from those convicted of federal offenses

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the Victims of Crime Act, with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, and on the state level by the Department of Social Services

**What it funds:**
VOCA grants support direct services to victims of crime and training for victim advocates. VOCA funds may be used to support immediate health and safety needs; provide mental health assistance; provide assistance with participating in criminal justice proceedings; conduct forensic exams; as well as personnel, operating costs, equipment, training, travel, facility repair, travel, contractual, and public awareness presentations. Direct services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety. At least 10 percent of the funds distributed must be allocated to each of three priority categories: sexual assault victims, domestic violence victims and child abuse victims. Also, at least 10 percent of funds must be allocated to programs that serve victims determined by the state to have been previously underserved.

**How it works:**
Programs are required to include volunteers as part of their VOCA project’s direct services. Programs are required to provide a 20 percent match for VOCA funds, which may be in cash and/or in-kind durable goods or services. Matching funds in cash cannot include federal funds, but can include state funds through DSS contracts for victim services, county and city marriage and civil filing fees, foundation and corporation private funding and local cash donations. The program must demonstrate that 35 percent of its financial support comes from non-federal sources. Grant funds are received as reimbursement for expenses, and eligible, reimbursable costs must be spent within the grant period.

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Missouri Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 2320, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0749
(573) 751-5775
DFAS.VOCAUNIT@dss.mo.gov
Services, Training, Officers and Prosecution (STOP) grants

**Funding:**
Federal funds

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and on the state level by the Department of Public Safety–Crime Victim Services Unit

**What it funds:**
Direct services to victims of "violent crimes against women," including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Funding also supports services for men who are victims of the same crimes. States must allocate at least 25 percent of funds received to law enforcement programs, at least 25 percent to prosecution programs, at least 5 percent to court programs and at least 30 percent to nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services programs.

**How it works:**
Programs apply for grants on a two-year cycle, and no matching funds are required for non-profits. Grant funds are awarded based on geographic need, population census and demographics, with special attention given to addressing the needs of underserved populations. Specific programs included in the statutory purpose areas include: developing, enlarging or strengthening victim services programs; programs addressing stalking; programs to meet the needs of older or disabled women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters. Programs must detail in their grant applications how the proposed services are in compliance with the MCADSV Standards for Domestic Violence Programs. Grant funds are received as reimbursement for expenses, and eligible, reimbursable costs must be spent within the grant period.

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cvsu@dps.mo.gov
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) discretionary grants

Funding:
Federal funds

Key legislation:
Federally authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget.

Administering departments:
The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

What it funds:
A variety of programs and projects designed to develop capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable.

How it works:
Programs apply directly to the federal Office on Violence Against Women for grants. There are 20 discretionary grant programs. The Office on Violence Against Women is responsible for creating program parameters, qualifications, eligibility and deliverables for each program. Current programs are:

- Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies
- Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program
- Improving the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (also known as Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program)
- Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services to Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program
- Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations
- Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program
- Grants to Support Families in the Justice System
- Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Program
- Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program
- Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Assistance Program
- Sexual Assault Services Cultural Specific Program
- Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program
- Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program
- Tribal Governments Program
- Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

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145 N Street, NE, Suite 10W.121, Washington, D.C. 20530
(202) 307-6026
www.justice.gov/ovw
ovw.info@usdoj.gov
Domestic Violence Shelter Tax Credits

Funding:
The tax credits are available to individuals, corporations, or organizations that donate to qualified domestic violence shelters.

Key legislation:
The tax credit program is established in state statute (Section 135.550 RSMo) for domestic violence shelters, which are defined in Chapter 455 RSMo.

Administering departments:
Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS)

What it funds:
Domestic violence shelters

How it works:
Shelters must establish their eligibility for the program by June 1 each year by completing an application form and submitting documentation to the Department of Social Services. When a donation of at least $100 is made to the shelter, the donor may claim a tax credit against state tax liability of 50 percent of the amount donated. An individual may not claim more than $50,000 in tax credits per year, and the total annual amount of tax credits is set at $2,000,000 to be disbursed among all eligible shelters.

For more information:
Missouri Department of Social Services
Attention: Domestic Violence Shelter Tax Credit Program
P.O. Box 216, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0216
http://dss.mo.gov/dfsas/taxcredit/dvtaxcredit.htm
State and local fines/fees to fund domestic violence shelters

Funding:
Fees collected by a court, county or municipality on specific court actions or issuance of a marriage license

Key legislation:
Fees are authorized by state statute (see below) for domestic violence shelters, which are defined in Chapter 455 RSMo.

Administering departments:
County-level and/or municipal governments

What it funds:
Fees support local domestic violence shelter operations.

How it works:
In order to receive fees, shelters must meet statutory requirements to submit documentation to local municipal or county governments. Fees are collected and placed in a special local fund to provide financial assistance to domestic violence shelters. Fees include:

- Marriage license fees: Each county collects a state-mandated $5 fee when a marriage license is issued (Section 451.151 RSMo). Counties may also, by local order or ordinance, collect an additional $5 fee per marriage license (Section 488.445 RSMo).
- Civil case filing fees: Each county may collect a $2 fee when a civil action is filed (Section 488.445 RSMo).
- Municipal/County criminal case and ordinance violence fines: Cities and counties may collect a fee of up to $4 on each criminal case, including each county or municipal ordinance violation case (Section 488.607 RSMo).

For more information:
Contact your local county commissioners, circuit clerk’s office or municipal government for information on local fees, or contact MCADSV for more information.
**State Services to Victims Fund (SSVF) grants**

**Funding:**
Court costs assessed and collected in state courts for crime convictions, including infractions and violations of municipal or county ordinances

**Key legislation:**
The fund is authorized in state statute (Chapter 595 RSMo), and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

**Administering department:**
Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS)—Crime Victim Services Unit

**What it funds:**
Grants of SSVF funds support direct services to victims of crime and typically are awarded to support personnel costs of those who provide direct victim services, including training for staff and volunteers on providing direct services.

**How it works:**
Programs must apply for grants on a one-year cycle. No matching funds are required. Programs must detail in their grant applications how the proposed services are in compliance with the *MCADSV Standards for Sexual Violence Programs*. Grant funds are received as reimbursement for expenses, and eligible, reimbursable costs must be spent within the grant period.

**For more information:**
Missouri Department of Public Safety—Crime Victim Services Unit
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www.dps.mo.gov, then click on “Crime Victim Services Unit”
cvsu@dps.mo.gov
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants

Funding:
Fines, penalties and forfeitures collected in federal courts from those convicted of federal offenses.

Key legislation:
Federally authorized by the Victims of Crime Act, with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

Administering departments:
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, and on the state level by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

What it funds:
VOCA grants support direct services to victims of crime and training for victim advocates. VOCA funds may be used to support immediate health and safety needs; provide mental health assistance; provide assistance with participating in criminal justice proceedings; conduct forensic exams; as well as personnel, operating costs, equipment, training, travel, facility repair, travel, contractual, and public awareness presentations. Direct services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety. At least 10 percent of the funds distributed must be allocated to each of three priority categories: sexual assault victims, domestic violence victims and child abuse victims. Also, at least 10 percent of funds must be allocated to programs that serve victims determined by the state to have been previously underserved.

How it works:
Programs are required to include volunteers as part of their VOCA project’s direct services. Programs are required to provide a 20 percent match for VOCA funds, which may be in cash and/or in-kind durable goods or services. Matching funds in cash cannot include federal funds, but can include state funds through DSS contracts for victim services, county and city marriage and civil filing fees, foundation and corporation private funding and local cash donations. The program must demonstrate that 35 percent of its financial support comes from non-federal sources. Grant funds are received as reimbursement for expenses, and eligible, reimbursable costs must be spent within the grant period.

For more information:
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DFAS.VOCAUNIT@dss.mo.gov
Services, Training, Officers and Prosecution (STOP) grants

**Funding:**
Federal funds

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and on the state level by the Missouri Department of Public Safety—Crime Victim Services Unit

**What it funds:**
Direct services to victims of “violent crimes against women,” including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Funding also supports services for men who are victims of the same crimes. States must allocate at least 25 percent of funds received to law enforcement programs, at least 25 percent to prosecution programs, at least 5 percent to court programs and at least 30 percent to nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services programs.

**How it works:**
Programs apply for grants on a two-year cycle, and no matching funds are required for nonprofit applicants. Grant funds are awarded based on geographic need, population census and demographics, with special attention given to addressing the needs of underserved populations. Specific programs included in the statutory purpose areas include: developing, enlarging or strengthening victim services programs; programs addressing stalking; programs to meet the needs of older or disabled women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters. Programs must detail in their grant applications how the proposed services are in compliance with the *MCADSV Standards for Sexual Violence Programs*. Grant funds are received as reimbursement for expenses, and eligible, reimbursable costs must be spent within the grant period.

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Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) discretionary grants

Funding:
Federal funds

Key legislation:
Federally authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget.

Administering departments:
The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

What it funds:
A variety of programs and projects designed to develop capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable.

How it works:
Programs apply directly to the federal Office on Violence Against Women for grants. There are 20 discretionary grant programs. The Office on Violence Against Women is responsible for creating program parameters, qualifications, eligibility and deliverables for each program. Current programs are:

- Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies
- Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program
- Improving the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (also known as Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program)
- Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services to Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program
- Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations
- Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program
- Grants to Support Families in the Justice System
- Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Program
- Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program
- Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Assistance Program
- Sexual Assault Services Cultural Specific Program
- Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program
- Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program
- Tribal Governments Program
- Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

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**Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) grants**

**Funding:**
Federal funds

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and administered on the state level by the Missouri Department of Public Safety—Crime Victims Serices Unit

**What it funds:**
Funds support the establishment, maintenance and expansion of sexual assault services by nongovernmental victim services programs. The overall purpose of the funds is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services and related assistance to victims of sexual assault, their family/household members and those collaterally affected by the victimization, such as friends, coworkers and classmates, except for the perpetrator. This may include: 24-hour hotline services; accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice and social support systems; crisis intervention, support services, information and referrals; community-based, linguistically and culturally specific services, including outreach to underserved communities; and the development and distribution of materials related to these services.

**How it works:**
Programs apply for grants on a two-year cycle, and no matching funds are required for nonprofit applicants. Programs must meet eligibility requirements, including meeting MCADSV Standards for Sexual Violence Programs. Programs submit competitive grant proposals. Because SASP only pays for expenses related to sexual violence services, dual service programs must have systems in place to justify and track the separation between sexual and domestic violence services. Grant funds are received as reimbursement for expenses, and eligible, reimbursable costs must be spent within the grant period.

**For more information:**
Missouri Department of Public Safety—Crime Victim Services Unit
P.O. Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0749
(866) 334-6682
www.dps.mo.gov, then click on “Crime Victim Services Unit”
cvsu@dps.mo.gov
Sexual Assault Victim Services (SAS) grants

**Funding:**
Federal grant funds from the Preventative Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant, called the Rape Set-Aside

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item named “Sexual Violence Victims Services, Awareness and Education Program” in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has state-level authority to administer these funds.

**What it funds:**
Funding can be used for services to victims of sexual assault, including: advocacy, face-to-face interaction, individual counseling and support groups.

**How it works:**
Programs submit competitive bids and grant proposals.

**For more information:**
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office on Women’s Health
P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 526-0445
http://health.mo.gov/living/families/womenshealth/
Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program grants

**Funding:**
Federal funds

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item named “Sexual Violence Victims Services, Awareness and Education Program” in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally, this grant funding is called Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) funds and is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has the state-level authority to administer these funds, and calls the funding the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program.

**What it funds:**
Primary prevention of sexual violence, which means addressing factors that contribute to violence before the actual violence has occurred. It is not allowed to be used for victim services. Examples of applicable activities include: coalition-building, community mobilization, social norming/social messages, educational seminars, training programs for professionals, preparation of informational materials, and increasing awareness in underserved communities and among individuals with disabilities.

**How it works:**
Programs submit annual competitive bids and grant proposals for one-year contract periods. The department has discretion to renew contracts on an annual basis.

**For more information:**
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office on Women’s Health
P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 526-0445
http://health.mo.gov/living/families/womenshealth/
State funding for sexual assault services contracts

Funding:
State General Revenue funds

Key legislation:
State funding level is determined through an annual appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

Administering departments:
Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS)

What it funds:
Units of services for victims of sexual violence, including hotline, crisis intervention, case management, professional therapy, legal advocacy, support groups, medical advocacy (such as during sexual assault forensic evidence (SAFE) exams) and services under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

How it works:
Programs apply for annual contracts, and no matching funds are required. Programs must provide services to victims of sexual violence, must not charge a fee for services, and must establish and implement policies and protocols for maintaining the safety and confidentiality of victims. Services must be provided in accordance with MCADSV Standards for Sexual Violence Programs. Programs submit monthly invoices for units of services provided. Programs must submit Monthly Services Reports (MSRs) to MCADSV.

For more information:
Missouri Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 2320, Jefferson City, MO 65103
(573) 751-3221
https://mydss.mo.gov/domestic-violence-shelters-and-services
Homeless Assistance Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

Funding:
Federal funding

Key legislation:
Federally authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, which established the grant program, and the Homeless Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act. Annual appropriations bills set funding in federal and state budgets.

Administering departments:
State-level administration by the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS)—Family Support Division, which contracts with the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) to administer and award funding

What it funds:
Eligible services include street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and administration. At least 40 percent of funding is required to go toward homeless prevention and rapid rehousing.

How it works:
ESG funds address those who are homeless due to a chronic disability, personal crisis, economic crisis, environmental crisis or a shortage of low-income housing. City and county governments apply for annual grants; nonprofit organizations can apply directly if government entities do not, or the nonprofit can apply directly to the government entity. A range of available awards up to $50,000 per county, and grant recipients must match their award dollar-for-dollar with cash or in-kind contributions.

For more information:
Missouri Housing Development Commission, Community Initiatives Department
3435 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111
Phone: (816) 759-7201
www.mhdc.com/ci/esg/index.htm
**Continuum of Care (CoC) grants**

**Funding:**
Federal funding

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act and Homeless Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in state appropriations bills as a line item in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered on the state level by the local Continuum of Care (CoC)

**What it funds:**
HUD grants fund transitional and permanent housing as a means to address federally defined chronic homelessness. Examples of funded projects include housing for individuals with disabilities, homeless shelters, transitional housing programs, inpatient/outpatient mental health and substance abuse programs, and individual rental and utilities assistance.

**How it works:**
Funding is awarded to and administered by the local Continuum of Care (CoC), the collaborative body of service providers that assist homeless individuals. Each county in Missouri is assigned to a CoC, and each CoC is awarded funds based on its population. Missouri has eight CoCs: St. Charles, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Kansas City, Joplin, St. Joseph, Springfield and Balance of State. The area covered by each CoC varies. The majority of federal funds awarded to Missouri are pre-designated to urban CoCs or some CoCs in larger Missouri cities. The Balance of State CoC funds are awarded throughout Missouri on a competitive-bid basis. Application for funds varies by CoC. Each CoC’s lead agency coordinates the grant application process for its community and usually has a grant review process before sending the application to HUD.

**For more information:**
To find contact information for each CoC and its lead agency visit: www.endhomelessnessmo.org/continua
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

**Funding:**
Federal funding

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act with funds appropriated annually in the federal budget and included in a state appropriations bill as a line item in the state budget.

**Administering departments:**
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered on the state level by the Missouri Department of Economic Development

**What it funds:**
Funding is used to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. Projects can range from housing and street repairs to industrial loans and job training. Funding can be used for shelter renovations, such as ADA compliance, rehab of a shelter or office facility and more.

**How it works:**
Applications for grants must be made in collaboration with a local city or county government, and must be submitted by that government entity. Cities with a population of more than 50,000 and counties with a population of more than 200,000 are considered “entitlement” communities and apply directly to HUD. Smaller communities apply to the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Funding amounts vary by type of project.

**For more information:**
Missouri Department of Economic Development
Division of Business and Community Services
Development Finance Team
301 West High Street, Room 770
P.O. Box 118, Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-3600
dedfin@ded.mo.gov
Missouri Neighborhood Assistance Programs (NAP) tax credits

Funding:
Tax credits

Key legislation:
The tax credits are established in state statute (Chapter 32 RSMo)

Administering departments:
Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED)

What it funds:
These tax credits are available to community-based organizations to implement projects of community service, education, crime prevention, job training and physical revitalization.

How it works:
Organizations eligible for these tax credits must be not-for-profit corporations organized under Chapter 355 RSMo, recognized by the federal Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and Missouri businesses. Applications are reviewed as received until funding is depleted. Tax credits are allocated at the discretion of DED. Preference is given to projects that address specific program outcomes, such as projects located in distressed communities and in target communities as determined by DED.

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Missouri Housing Trust Fund grants

**Funding:**
Funding comes from a $3 recording fee on all real estate documents filed in Missouri.

**Key legislation:**
The Missouri Housing Trust Fund is established in state statute (Chapter 215 RSMo).

**Administering departments:**
The Trust Fund is administered by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC). In the future, MHDC will administer a national housing trust fund in addition to this statewide fund. Details on this national fund are pending.

**What it funds:**
A variety of housing needs and services, including homeless prevention, rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing, rental assistance, and home repair. Housing and services must be provided to individuals with income at or below 50 percent of the area median income, and 50 percent of the funds must be used for individuals at or below 25 percent of the area median income.

**How it works:**
The Trust Fund was created to help meet the housing needs of very low income families and individuals. Nonprofit organizations or developers may apply to provide housing and/or related services. Proposals are submitted to the Missouri Housing Development Commission, which sets the application schedule annually. A Notice of Funding Availability typically is published during June on the MHDC website, along with the application packet.

**For more information:**
Missouri Housing Development Commission, Community Initiatives Department
3435 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111
Phone: (816) 759-7201
http://www.mhdc.com/housing_trust_fund/index.htm
**Housing First Program grants**

**Funding:**
Funds available from the Missouri Housing Development Commission Fund Balance

**Key legislation:**
Federally authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act and Homeless Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act

**Administering departments:**
Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC)

**What it funds:**
Long-term housing and other services and supports for low-income individuals. Allowable expenses include rental and utility assistance, deposits and arrears. Ten percent of grant funds may provide administrative costs, such as staff salaries and benefits, office supplies and insurance.

**How it works:**
The objective of this program is to increase permanent housing solutions for homeless individuals and those at risk of being homeless. “Housing First,” also known as “rapid rehousing,” provides housing before other services or treatment begins. The program provides a link between housing and other services, though housing clients are not obligated to receive case management, treatment or other services in order to receive housing. Programs apply directly to MHDC annually. MHDC monitors programs that receive this funding, including on-site compliance visits. Individuals served by this program must be homeless or at risk of homelessness, must have income at or below 50 percent of the area median income, and be in need of affordable housing. Individuals must comply with a standard lease.

**For more information:**
Missouri Housing Development Commission,
Community Initiatives Department
3435 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111
Phone: (816) 759-7228
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) funding

Funding:
Federal funding

Key legislation:
Federally authorized by the Healthy Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010

Administering departments:
Federally administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and administered on the state level by Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)

What it funds:
Reimbursement for meals that meet minimum nutritional standards served in approved facilities

How it works:
Eligible facilities submit an application with supporting documentation to DHSS. Once the program is approved, DHSS contracts with the facility to participate in the program. Approved facilities can be reimbursed for well-balanced meals served and good eating habits taught. The program also provides training and technical assistance on nutrition, food service operations, program management, nutrition education and record-keeping. For this program, meals can be served to children age 0-12, children of migrant workers age 0-15, those up to age 18 if physically or mentally disabled, adults age 60 and older and adults who are functionally impaired (adults may be served through adult day care centers only). Facilities that can be approved include licensed and license-exempt nonprofit childcare and adult day care centers, Head Start centers, Outside School Hours Center, emergency shelters, at-risk after school programs in areas where at least 50 percent of children enrolled in the local school qualify for free or reduced price school meals, and family child care homes through a non-profit sponsoring organization.

For more information:
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P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102
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