

Proposal for Legislation – 2023 Legislative Session

Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Transfer

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1. What is the problem or issue?

Child and Family Services Division's (CFSD) is administering grants for the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) through 21 sub-awardees, while the Department of Justice (DOJ) manages two closely related grants: the Violence against Women Act (VAWA), and the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA)/Sexual Assault Program Grants. Having these grants administered by two separate agencies is inefficient and burdensome for sub-awardees and creates a missed opportunity for integrated approaches to addressing the issue of family violence in Montana.

Board of Crime of Control has been consulted and is interested in exploring how to transition this grant to their program.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

Update MCA 52-6-101, 52-6-102, 52-6-103, and 40-15-110 to consolidate the FVPSA grant with other domestic violence grants currently administered by the Board of Crime Control at the DOJ. This structure eases the administrative burden on sub-awardees by streamlining processes for request for proposals, on-site monitoring, and fiscal reimbursement. This structure also allows for greater programmatic efficiency to develop holistic integrated services for survivors of domestic violence.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

MCA 52-6-101, 52-6-102, 52-6-103, 40-15-110

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?

This proposed change does not require additional funding.

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

Similar legislation has not been requested in the past. South Dakota and Idaho administer all three grants through the same agency.