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**GOVERNOR TOMBLIN ANNOUNCES STOP VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN ACT PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. –Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, joined by a domestic violence survivor and now victims’ advocate, today announced 25 projects have been awarded a total of \$1,071,794 in STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program funds.

“These grants are for people like Roger Lockridge. When Roger was just a boy, police brought him, his siblings and mother to safety after a domestic violence incident,” Gov. Tomblin said. “Today, Roger advocates for children at a local center in Lewisburg. I am pleased to be able to present these grants to people like Roger, and the programs they work for, so that the victims can find the help they need.”

"These grants are very important on multiple levels. It is not only women, but also their children, that benefit from the grants that are given to help those that work against domestic violence. I am living proof of this,” Roger Lockridge said. “If my mother didn't have anyone or a group to help her, there is a good chance I wouldn't be here today. Because of the shelter we stayed at, the staff that worked extremely hard, and the money from the grants that funded it all, our lives were saved and I was able to join in the cause myself later on in my life."

The purpose of the grant program is to establish or enhance teams whose core members include victim service providers, law enforcement, and prosecution to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against

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women. Grants provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for the establishment or enhancement of these teams.

Additionally, statewide projects are funded to provide training and educational opportunities for all victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel throughout the state.

STOP funds are awarded from the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds are administered by the Division of Justice and Community Services.

Funds were awarded to the following:

**CABELL**

**Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.** **\$74,167.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Cabell County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Cabell County Prosecutor's Office, Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, CONTACT of Huntington, and the Huntington Police Department.

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**CALHOUN**

**Family Crisis Intervention Center** **\$23,451.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Calhoun County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Crisis Intervention Center, and the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department.

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**FAYETTE**

**Women's Resource Center**

**\$41,854.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Fayette County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Fayette County Prosecutor's Office, Women's Resource Center, and the Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

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**GREENBRIER**

**The Family Refuge Center**

**\$57,684.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Greenbrier County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Greenbrier County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Refuge Center, Lewisburg Police Department, and the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department.

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**HARRISON**

**Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE, Inc."**

**\$45,159.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and develop the Harrison County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic

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violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Task Force on Domestic Violence "HOPE, Inc. Program, the Harrison County Prosecutor's Office, the Bridgeport Police Department and the Clarksburg Police Department.

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**KANAWHA**

**Kanawha County Commission**

**\$75,655.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Kanawha County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Kanawha County Prosecutor's Office, the YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program, the Family Counseling Connection, the YWCA Racial Justice Program, KISRA, the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department, and the Charleston Police Department.

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**LOGAN**

**Tug Valley Recovery Shelter**

**\$38,910.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Logan County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Logan County Prosecutor's Office, the Tug Valley Recovery Shelter, and the Logan County Sheriff's Department.

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**MARION**

**Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE, Inc."                      \$59,903.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and develop the Marion County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE, Inc.", the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, the Marion County Sheriff's Department, and the Fairmont Police Department.

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**MARSHALL**

**Marshall County Commission    \$36,400.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Marshall County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Marshall County Prosecutor's Office, the YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program, and the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

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**MCDOWELL**

**McDowell County Commission    \$26,000.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the McDowell County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team members include the McDowell County Prosecutor's Office, Stop Abusive Family Environments, Inc. (SAFE), the WV State Police and the McDowell County Sheriff's Department.

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**MINERAL & GRANT**

**Family Crisis Center** **\$38,670.00**

The purpose of these grant funds is to enhance and continue the Mineral and Grant County STOP Teams to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Mineral County Prosecutor's Office, the Grant County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Crisis Center, the Mineral County Sheriff's Department, and the Grant County Sheriff's Department

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**MINGO**

**Tug Valley Recovery Shelter** **\$54,776.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Mingo County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Mingo County Prosecutor's Office, the Tug Valley Recovery Shelter, and the Mingo County Sheriff's Department.

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**MONONGALIA**

**The Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center, Inc.** **\$53,157.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Monongalia County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of

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domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Monongalia County Prosecutor's Office, the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, the Westover Police Department, the Morgantown Police Department, the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, and the Star City Police Department.

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**MONROE**

**The Family Refuge Center**

**\$16,437.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Monroe County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Refuge Center, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

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**NICHOLAS**

**Women's Resource Center**

**\$40,032.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Nicholas County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes Nicholas County Prosecutor's Office, the Women's Resource Center, and the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department.

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**OHIO**

**Ohio County Commission** **\$67,594.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Ohio County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team members include the Ohio County Prosecutor's Office, the YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program, the YWCA Racial Justice Program, and the Ohio County Sheriff's Department.

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**PRESTON**

**The Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center, Inc.** **\$25,047.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Preston County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Preston County Prosecutor's Office, the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, and the Preston County Sheriff's Department.

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**PUTNAM**

**Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.** **\$6,000.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Putnam County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Putnam County Prosecutor's Office, Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

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**RALEIGH**

**Women's Resource Center** **\$80,218.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Raleigh County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Raleigh County Prosecutor's Office, the Women's Resource Center, and the Beckley Police Department.

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**RANDOLPH**

**Women's Aid in Crisis** **\$20,767.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Randolph County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the Randolph County Prosecutor's Office, Women's Aid in Crisis, and the Randolph County Sheriff's Department.

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**ROANE**

**Family Crisis Intervention Center** **\$19,050.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Roane County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team includes the

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Roane County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Crisis Intervention Center, the Spencer Police Department, and the Roane County Sheriff's Department.

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**UPSHUR**

**Upshur County Commission** **\$30,000.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the Upshur County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The core Team members include the Upshur County Prosecutor's Office, Women's Aid in Crisis, and the Buckhannon Police Department.

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**STATEWIDE**

**West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence** **\$44,616.00**

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and continue the development and technical assistance of the statewide domestic violence database, and to provide training and technical assistance for STOP Teams and STOP VAWA Programs on cultural diversity and cultural competency.

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**West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals** **\$55,927.00**

The purpose of this grant is to continue to update and distribute a Sexual Assault Benchbook, update the current Domestic Violence Benchbook, to provide an assessment of the pilot program of a Domestic Violence Court, and to provide

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continued training for court personnel in the area of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

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**W.V. Foundation for Rape Information & Services      \$40,320.00**

The purpose of this grant is to provide training activities for the on-going development of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART), Stalking Initiatives, and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs throughout the State, as well as to provide training and resources for sexual assault and stalking victims.

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