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TO: Area Criminal Justice Agencies

FROM: Jeremy P. Edwards, Executive Director *JPE*
Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc

DATE: July 6, 2026

SUBJECT: FY 2026 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Funds

Attention all law enforcement agencies and local service providers,

Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc. is the organization responsible for allocating VAWA funding through the Office of Violence Against Women and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE). The federal amount available to the Northwest District is as follows:

FY 2026 Violence Against Women Funds (VAWA) – \$136,795 (Estimated).

Northwest LEPA, Inc. is required to adopt an actual listing of projects to be funded with these monies with 50% allocated to law enforcement agencies and 50% for prosecution agencies. Please give some immediate consideration to types of projects you are interested in continuing or developing.

In an effort to streamline the application process, please follow the instructions below to submit an allocation request for FY 2026 VAWA funds.

- 1) **Please Note: Requests should be calculated based on 12 MONTHS.**
- 2) Visit our website, www.rrdnw.com.
- 3) Click either the NW logo, OR, click the blue Northwest district in the map on the right.
- 4) Under the “Funding” tab, click the “Available Funds” button. You may also access the page by typing the following link in the web browser: <https://rrdnw.com/nw/available-funds>. Choose the section titled, “FY 2026 - VAWA”.
- 5) Complete the appropriate request documents for each project; *VAWA Notice of Intent*, *VAWA Applicant Information Form*, and *Conflict of Interest Forms* (for the Authorized Official, Project Director, Financial Officer, the person responsible for grants, and any person listed on the grant, if different).
PLEASE NOTE: LCLE, with district approval, will sometimes allow partial, or full, match waivers based on the agency's budget and means to come up with matching funds. If applicable to your agency, please contact the district office for details.
- 6) After completing and having the authorized official sign the documents in blue ink, upload the documents on our website using the submission form at the following link: <https://rrdnw.com/nw/allocation-request> **no later than Friday, July 17, 2026**. Any request submitted after this date will not be on the agenda for the Project Priority Committee Meeting.

The Northwest Project Priority Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 10:00 am** at the North Louisiana Crime Lab, 1630 Tulane Avenue, Shreveport LA 71103 to hear proposals. A representative from your agency is required to attend and must present a brief explanation of your proposal to be eligible for funding. No funds will be allocated to an agency without a representative present.