



City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

**Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence Support Services
Funding Request Beginning FY2026 for City Administration and
City Council**

Project Overview:

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission proposes increasing the allocation of funding specific to sexual assault and interpersonal violence support services ensure these critical services are funded to meet the level of need in the community. Federal and state cuts to funding allocations makes the need even more pressing. The types of services and individuals requiring additional funding include, but are not limited to, ensuring a decrease in the wait times for persons in need of services, increase the staff retention in high stress positions, improve efficiency of services, and increase number of clients served. The funding request is based upon information provided by the commission members, their respective agencies, and other community partners.

Objectives:

Funding recommendation should be included in the City Administrations final budget request for City Council approval for Fiscal Year 2026. The requested funds will be allocated as follows:

Dollar Amount	Services Being Supported	Rationale
\$3,994,949	Bridge federal VOCA cuts and other potential federal reductions that is currently being utilized to support the Sexual Assault Program; direct housing support; therapeutic interventions case management; direct support services; staff salaries providing direct services so survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking; domestic violence shelter and support services	Provides funding for staff and support services. If not funded, services to the community would decrease.
\$560,850	Direct assistance to beneficiaries including emergency motel vouchers as well as support the building and infrastructure of provider agencies	To address inflation-related cost-of-living needs for clients during crises and to address immediate housing needs of this population.
\$842,627	Staffing including inflation-adjusted labor costs, and addition of SANE nurse	To address provider staff recruitment/retention and decrease high turnover, as well as increase number of staff. Ensures greater continuity of care, decreases wait time for services, and improves efficiency of operations.
\$520,184	Case Management and therapeutic services	Many agencies do not have adequate case management and therapeutic staffing to support the needs of clients, e.g. caseload of 1:60 or not accepting new clients - cost of one case manager including benefits - average length a client sees CM is 4 months, with best practice case load of 1:15 – 20 is \$72,500.

\$150,000	Database tracking client services	Increase functionality and reporting capabilities - better demonstrate services rendered and need in community
\$55,000	Language access including written resources and telephonic and video interpretation to all public-facing positions 24/7 to allow staff to communicate with the public; i-pads to assist with interpretation upon check in	Decrease barriers language has created in accessing services
\$27,500	Train new attorneys in cases involving domestic violence matters and to get experienced attorneys to take these cases at low bono rates.	To ensure no survivor of domestic violence appears in a Court proceeding without an attorney.
Total Ask:		\$6,151,110

- The funding increases provided by the City will be allocated to the Department of Health, Housing & Homelessness, who will follow the social service procurement process for distribution of the funds.

Benefits:

Increase the impact of sexual assault and interpersonal violence support funded by the City of Albuquerque and will help offset funding reductions by other government agencies.

Timeline:

The Commission initiated this request to the City Administration and City Council, to be included in the City’s budget request for City Council Approval, after unanimous approval on March 21, 2025. The funding increases provided by the City will be allocated to the Department of Health, Housing & Homelessness, who will follow social service procurement process for distribution of the funds for FY2026, beginning July 1, 2025.

Conclusion:

Your support for this funding request will increase the impact of and access to local sexual assault and interpersonal violence support services funded by the City of Albuquerque.