

Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVSPA)

Program Overview for Tribal Partners

Program Year 2027 · October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2028

This is a consultation for the FVSPA program requesting tribal approval to proceed with the FFY27 application. Below you will find a description of the program, a breakdown of the anticipated budget, program/application requirements, and the next steps we are requesting from you to proceed.

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1. Abstract

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Program: Family Violence Prevention and Services / Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services (FVPSA)

Assistance Listing: 93.671

Funding Type: Formula Block Grant - population-based. ACF sets each Tribe's allocation from population figures; the final award is determined by ACF. For planning reference only, SPIPA received about \$298,000 total for five Tribes last cycle.

Project Duration: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2028 (two years)

Application Due: 07/17/2026

SPIPA Project Lead: Debbie Gardipee-Reyes

Project Summary

The FVPSA tribal funding announcement has been posted. SPIPA has historically applied for these funds as a consortium and is proposing to do so again this cycle. Under that approach, SPIPA submits one application, receives the award, signs a Memorandum of Agreement with each participating Tribe, and passes the dollars through for direct services. This lets the Tribes bring in federal domestic violence funding through one application instead of each applying separately.

Any Tribe that wants to apply on its own should notify SPIPA in writing as soon as possible. Any Tribe that wants to join the consortium application should notify SPIPA of that choice; participation requires a Tribal resolution and a signed Attachment A: Assurances. The proposed consortium for this cycle is four Tribes: Chehalis, Skokomish, Squaxin Island, and Shoalwater Bay.

The grant pays for immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family, domestic, and dating violence and their dependents, along with prevention and public awareness. Supportive services include counseling, peer support, safety planning, advocacy and case management, referrals, services for children exposed to violence and the non-abusing parent, culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and meaningful access for people with disabilities. Where a Tribe does not operate its own shelter, FVPSA funds provide shelter another way, such as safe stays, transportation, advocate costs, and referrals.

2. Budget

Planning budget for Program Year 2027. This is a formula grant, so the dollars are not awarded competitively. ACF makes an allocation to each Tribe based on population, using the figures submitted with the application, and provides the allocations after award. In a consortium, the four Tribal allocations together make up the total award.

This proposal is for four Tribes, not the five funded last cycle, so the total award will be lower than before. Past amounts are history only: SPIPA received about \$298,000 total for five Tribes last cycle (FY2024 base plus the supplemental distribution). Those figures are not this cycle's request.

Each Tribe's allocation covers both the direct services that pass through to the Tribe and SPIPA's indirect. SPIPA applies its 16.4 percent indirect to the Tribe's direct costs, so the amount that passes through is the allocation less the indirect; direct costs plus indirect equal the Tribe's allocation. Per-Tribe budgets are set after award and written into the Memorandum of Agreement between SPIPA and each Tribe. A SPIPA consortium application made up of Tribes is exempt from match, so no Tribal match is required.

Estimated Budget Summary

- **Total Direct Costs: \$190,984.45**
- **Indirect Costs (16.4%): \$31,316.53**
- **Total Request: \$222,271**

Estimated Distribution by Tribe:

- **Chehalis Tribe: \$50,959.57**
- **Squaxin Island Tribe: \$48,988.40**
- **Skokomish Tribe: \$50,102.04**
- **Shoalwater Bay Tribe: \$36,485.98**

3. Application Requirements

- SF-424 application forms.
- Submission method: GrantSolutions
- **Application due: July 17, 2026.**
- **Population Certification Letter** – Please provide a population certification letter from your Tribal Enrollment Office confirming the Tribe's enrolled population (or other relevant population metric required by FVPSA).
- **Assurances Document Signed (Attached)** – Please have the attached Assurances document signed by an Authorized Representative and returned with your Tribal Resolution

Tribal Council Resolution

A Tribal Council Resolution is not a required component of the FVSPA application. However, under its own consultation and resolution policy, SPIPA still requests one from each participating Tribe.

- Please return Tribal Resolutions before Friday, Jul 31, 2026.

Memorandum of Agreement

As funds do pass through SPIPA to the Tribes, an MOA is required for this application.

6. Summary Checklist — Next Steps for Tribal Partners

Request for Tribe:	Due by
Confirm participation — reply to SPIPA with approval to proceed and/or if your Tribe is taking part.	ASAP
Tribal Council Resolution signed and returned to SPIPA.	07/31/2026
Population Certification Letter	07/31/2026
Assurances Document Signed	07/31/2026