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To: Washington State Presiding Judges
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From: Justice Barbara A. Madsen *BAM*

RE: STOP Grant to the Courts

At the direction of the Board for Judicial Administration, the Gender and Justice Commission is administering the Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant to the Courts. We have \$98,753.00 in federal grant funding for local court projects to provide increased safety and justice for adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

We invite you to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) 08-09, and the attached list of projects funded in the past four years. To date, we have funded 43 court projects, provided training at five state judicial conferences, and provided scholarships for 124 judicial officers to attend national domestic violence training.

Many of the projects funded by the grant were designed so they could be used by other courts. Details of those projects are available for your review upon request. We welcome your proposal to replicate one of the projects, as well as proposals for new and innovative projects.

For further information about the RFP process or any of the previously funded projects, please contact Myra Downing, the Commission's coordinator, at (360) 705-5290 or Myra.Downing@courts.wa.gov.

On behalf of the Gender and Justice Commission, thank you for your continuing work to improve our courts' response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

cc: Board for Judicial Administration
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