

TA-DVS Grant Increase

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Overview of Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) Grant Increase

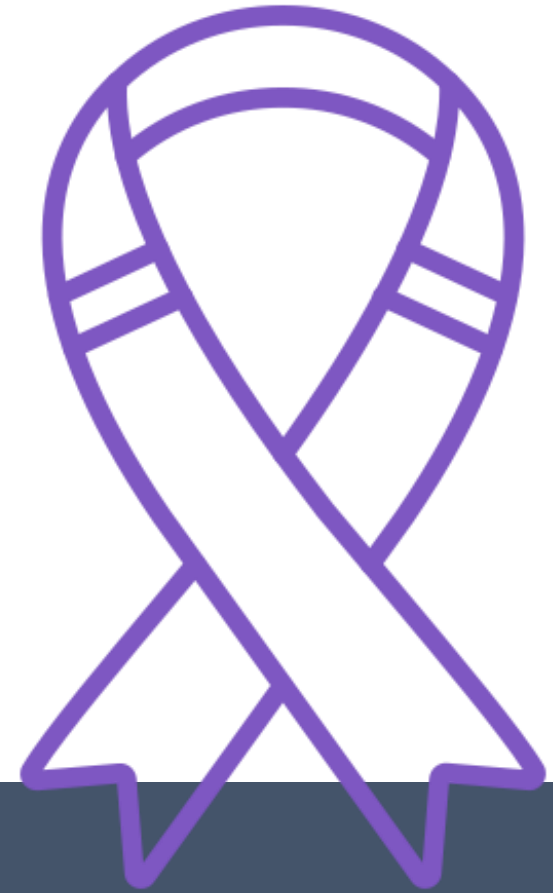
- Investment from the 2024 legislative session increased the TA-DVS grant amount from \$1,200 up to **\$3,200**.
- **Increase effective Aug. 11, 2024.**
- Available to all survivors with an open and active case and those who apply thereafter.

First Increase in more than 26 years with the intent to ensure the grant's value remains supportive to survivors with rising housing costs and other safety needs.



What is TA-DVS

- A Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funded program intended to provide temporary financial assistance and support to families affected by domestic violence.
- Used to address safety concerns relating to domestic violence.
- Used most often when fleeing or to stabilize living.



Eligibility Factors

Meet TANF eligibility requirements including but not limited to:

- Live in Oregon
- Have caretaker relative and dependent child
- TA-DVS financial eligibility uses net available income and deductions are counted
- Have current or future Domestic Violence (DV) safety concern
- Meet the SSP definition of DV.

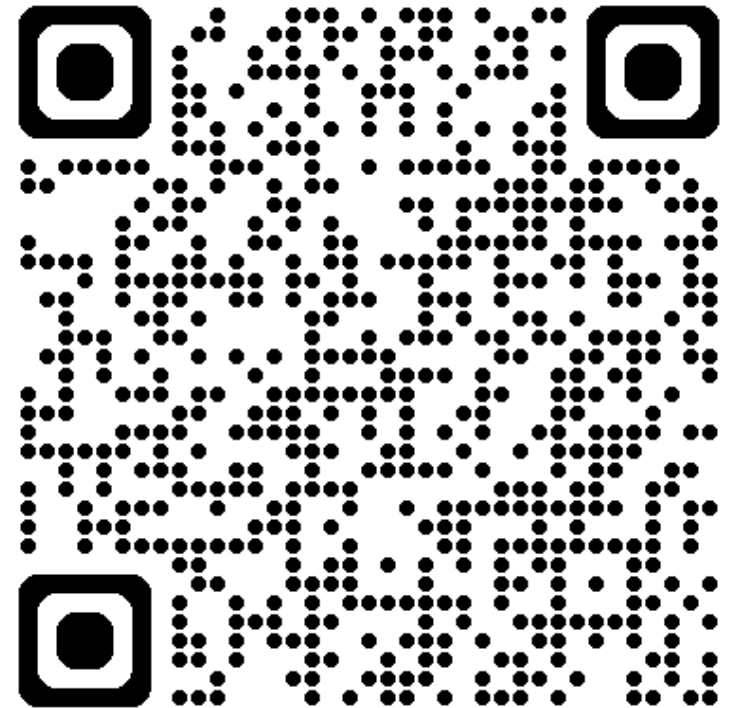
SSP definition of domestic violence

ORS 412.072 – Domestic violence is the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family members, intimate partners, or household members:

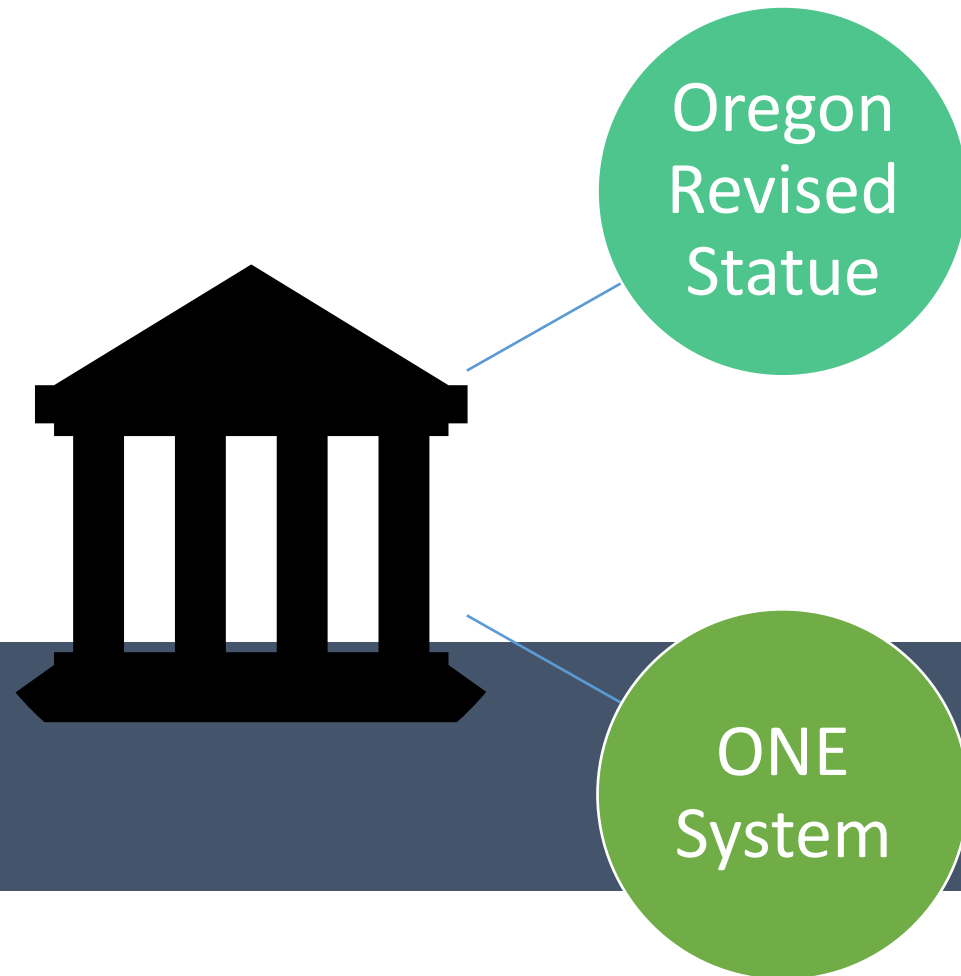
1. Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury or emotional, mental or verbal abuse;
2. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent serious physical injury;
3. Committing sexual abuse in any degree as defined in Chapter 163 of the Oregon Revised Statutes; and
4. Using coercive or controlling behavior.

How it Works

- To apply the survivor must complete a *415F Application for Benefits* or by calling an ODHS Office.
- Eligibility determined within 16 working hours.
- Once eligible 90-day certification period.
- Create safety plan.
- Up to **\$3,200** to support the safety plan.



ODHS Rule and System Changes



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- No changes in eligibility requirements or how survivors access TA-DVS.
- Notification by family coach for survivors with open TA-DVS on Aug. 11, 2024.
- Survivors with a current or future DV safety concern encouraged to apply or reapply.
- Monitoring impact for survivors.



TA-DVS Grant Increase Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Everyone Deserves to Feel Safe (ODHS 2384) Flyer

On ODHS/OHA
Publications and
Forms

To display in the
community and in
partner agencies

Available in nine
languages



EVERYONE DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE AT HOME



You are not alone

- Relationships where one person has all the power and control are not healthy or safe.
- The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is here for you and your children. So are domestic violence advocates!

How ODHS can help

- Families and pregnant people can get cash help if they are not safe because of domestic violence. This help comes from the Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) program.
- You can get help for 90 days for things like:
 - Moving costs
 - New locks, and
 - Security cameras.



Ways to apply

- Call an ODHS office and ask to apply by phone.
- Fill out the **DHS 415F** Application for Services and submit it in person, or by email, fax or mail. Find this application online or in an office.



When you ask for domestic violence help

ODHS will offer:

- To talk with you about safety and offer resources right away
- An appointment within 16 working hours.



Connect to a domestic violence advocate

Confidential domestic violence advocates are in most Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) and Child Welfare (CW) offices. Advocates offer:

- To plan for safety
- Resources, and
- Someone to talk to.

Ask your ODHS office to help you get an advocate.

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For Help to Stay Safe



To find your local advocate visit:
<https://www.ocadsv.org/find-help>



To learn more about domestic violence help visit:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/dv/Pages/tadvs.aspx>

Call the National DV Hotline **1-800-799-7233** or text **LOVEIS** to **22522**

 Oregon Department of Human Services
SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer free of charge. Contact tadvs.policy@odhs.oregon.gov or call 503-945-5800. We accept all relay calls.

Resources

- [TA-DVS Grant Increase Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- [Everyone Deserves to be Safe Flyer](#)
- [TA-DVS Program Summary](#)
- [TA-DVS Policy](#)

