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"This grant will provide necessary funding for victim support centers in the State of Maine," said Michaud. "It is so important that we raise awareness of sexual violence and provide help for those already affected."

The Grants to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program was authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 2000, reauthorized and amended on January 5, 2006 by the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005) and is administered by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). This grant program supports state coalition efforts to coordinate victim services within their state as well as collaborate with other federal, state, and local entities to respond to violence against women issues affecting their jurisdictions. Statewide sexual assault coalitions provide support to member rape crisis centers through funding training and technical assistance, and public awareness.

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