



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1200

Introduced by: **Representative** Rehfeldt

1 **An Act to make an appropriation for victim services provided by nonprofit**
 2 **organizations.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$8,000,000 from the general fund, to the Department of
 5 Public Safety, for the purpose of providing grants to nonprofit organizations that have as a
 6 primary focus the provision of assistance to:

- 7 (1) Children who have been abused or neglected;
 8 (2) Victims of domestic violence;
 9 (3) Victims of sexual assault; or
 10 (4) Victims of commercial sexual exploitation or sexual trafficking.

11 **Section 2.** The Department of Public Safety shall annually provide grants in accordance with
 12 section 1 of this Act on the basis of applications received during the period beginning July first
 13 and ending August thirty-first, of each year.

14 Recipients may use the grants for:

- 15 (1) The provision of 24/7 emergency and transitional services, including food, lodging,
 16 and transportation;
 17 (2) The provision of services by counselors licensed under title 36, whether as
 18 employees or contractors;
 19 (3) The support of a 24/7 crisis line;
 20 (4) Case management services;
 21 (5) The training, certification, or employment of a sexual assault nurse examiner; or
 22 (6) Services provided through a child advocacy center.

23 The department may award grants only for services that are listed in this section
 24 and not fully funded by other resources available through the department. The department

1 shall prioritize the awarding of grants to organizations that have attempted to raise the
2 moneys necessary for the provision of the listed services.

3 Grants may not be used to establish a new program or organization, or for the
4 provision of legal services.

5 Each recipient of a grant under this section shall deliver to the Department of Public
6 Safety, at the time and in the manner directed by the department, an annual report
7 detailing the types of services that were delivered using grants awarded under this Act
8 and the number of unique service recipients.

9 The Department of Public Safety may expend moneys from the appropriation
10 provided in section 1 of this Act for the administrative costs necessary to award and
11 monitor the grants.

12 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall approve vouchers and the
13 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

14 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
15 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

16 **Section 5.** This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2026.