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September 8, 2026

Maryland Department of Planning

State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance
120 East Baltimore Street, Suite 2000
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Via email: mdp.clearinghouse@maryland.gov

Re: Executive Order 12372 Intergovernmental Review - Assistance Listing 16.888

Dear State Clearinghouse Review Team:

REACH Health & Wellness, Inc. respectfully submits the enclosed materials for review under the Maryland Intergovernmental Review and Coordination process. The proposed project, REACH Safe Futures: Family Resilience and School Stability Initiative, is being submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, under funding opportunity O-OVW-2026-172652.

The project requests \$500,000 for a 36-month period beginning October 1, 2026. It will serve Baltimore City children and youth affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking, with a focused school component for middle and high school students. The initiative will coordinate survivor advocacy, school-based identification and support, behavioral-health services, and family stabilization while maintaining participant choice, privacy, and confidentiality.

This submission packet includes the completed SF-424, project/program narrative, proposed budget and budget narrative, service-area information, and anticipated staffing requirements. Please direct questions or review correspondence to me at 410-357-6163 or ivanforney@reachmaryland.com.

Sincerely,

Ivan Forney

Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative
REACH Health & Wellness, Inc.

MARYLAND CLEARINGHOUSE SUBMISSION

REACH Safe Futures

Family Resilience and School Stability Initiative

Applicant	REACH Health & Wellness, Inc.
Federal agency	U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Opportunity	O-OVW-2026-172652
Assistance Listing	16.888
UEI / EIN	W6NQJFY71K93 / 99-4311241
Request / period	\$500,000 / October 1, 2026-September 30, 2029
Service area	Baltimore City, Maryland

1. Project/Program Narrative**Purpose and community need**

REACH Health & Wellness, Inc. proposes REACH Safe Futures, a coordinated, trauma-informed initiative for Baltimore City children and youth ages 0-24 who have experienced or been exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking. The school-based component will concentrate on middle and high school students. The project addresses Purpose Areas 2 and 3 of the Consolidated Youth Grant Program by providing assistance to children and youth exposed to violence and by providing education and related services to middle and high school students.

Young people affected by interpersonal violence often interact with several systems at the same time, including schools, behavioral-health providers, child welfare, courts, hospitals, and community organizations. Disconnected intake and referral processes can delay services, require repeated disclosure of traumatic experiences, and overlook safety concerns. REACH Safe Futures will establish a confidential, survivor-centered pathway that allows schools and community partners to identify functional concerns, offer voluntary support, and make warm referrals without requiring unnecessary disclosure.

Project goals

- Establish a coordinated referral and response pathway for children and youth exposed to covered violence.
- Provide specialized victim advocacy, safety planning, crisis linkage, and survivor-directed case coordination through a qualified victim-service partner.
- Strengthen school stability by equipping participating schools to recognize concerns, protect privacy, and connect students to trained advocates and services.
- Expand access to licensed, trauma-informed behavioral-health assessment and treatment without duplicating Medicaid-reimbursable or otherwise reimbursed services.
- Track access, safety, engagement, and school-stability outcomes through de-identified performance measures and quarterly quality-improvement reviews.

Service model and activities

Participants may enter through a school, victim-service provider, REACH, or another community referral source. The receiving organization will conduct immediate safety triage within its scope, explain confidentiality and its limits, obtain appropriate consent, and offer a warm handoff. Each partner will retain its own records, and the project will share only the minimum information necessary under written authorization or another lawful basis.

- Safety and stabilization: individualized safety planning, crisis linkage, and immediate resource coordination.
- Victim advocacy: confidential advocacy, accompaniment, education, and survivor-directed service planning.
- Behavioral-health recovery: qualified assessment, therapy, psychiatric support, rehabilitation, and care coordination when clinically indicated.
- School engagement: staff education, student-focused prevention activities, referral protocols, and accommodation support consistent with school policy.
- Family stabilization: warm connections to housing, food, benefits, transportation, childcare, legal, and community resources.

Implementation schedule

Period	Primary activities
Months 1-3	Finalize partner agreements and operating protocols; appoint project leadership; confirm school sites; train participating staff; establish secure tracking and referral procedures.
Months 4-12	Launch referral, advocacy, school education, behavioral-health linkage, and family-stabilization services; review early access and safety data monthly.

Period	Primary activities
Months 13-24	Operate at full implementation; refine services using youth and partner feedback; conduct quarterly continuous-quality-improvement reviews.
Months 25-36	Sustain services; document outcomes and lessons; institutionalize referral protocols; complete sustainability and closeout activities.

Safety, privacy, accessibility, and accountability

The project will follow 34 U.S.C. Section 12291(b)(2), applicable Maryland law, HIPAA and FERPA where applicable, professional ethical standards, and each partner's confidentiality obligations. Participation will be voluntary except where law requires a specific response. Participants will receive understandable notice of confidentiality, mandatory-reporting duties, and available choices before information is collected or shared. Aggregate or de-identified information will be used for performance reporting whenever possible.

Services will be accessible without discrimination and adapted for disability, limited English proficiency, Deaf or hard-of-hearing participants, developmental needs, age, culture, and literacy. Interpretation, translation, accessible materials, and reasonable accommodations are included in the proposed budget. Youth and caregiver feedback will inform continuous improvement without requiring public disclosure of victimization.

2. Area Served and Anticipated Staffing

Geographic area and population

The primary service area is Baltimore City, Maryland. Initial implementation will occur through participating middle and high schools and coordinated access through REACH's Baltimore presence. The intended population is children, youth, and young adults ages 0-24 affected by covered violence, with priority attention to participants facing disability, language, transportation, economic, housing, or institutional-access barriers.

Anticipated staffing and partner functions

Staffing function	Responsibilities
REACH project leadership	Project direction, federal grant administration, fiscal oversight, partner monitoring, performance reporting, and sustainability.
Partnership/data coordination	Referral workflow, meeting coordination, secure aggregate tracking, reporting support, and continuous-quality-improvement documentation.
Administrative program support	Scheduling, documentation, participant-access logistics, purchasing, and grant-file maintenance.
Qualified victim-service personnel	Specialized child/youth advocacy, survivor-led safety planning, crisis response, confidentiality leadership, training, and direct victim services.
School/district liaison personnel	School-site coordination, staff education, student referral pathways, accommodation support, and FERPA-compliant coordination.
Licensed behavioral-health personnel	Allowable, non-duplicative assessment, clinical consultation, treatment linkage, rehabilitation, and care coordination.

3. Proposed Budget and Budget Narrative

Federal request: \$500,000 for 36 months. No applicant match is required. Amounts are proposed for intergovernmental review and remain subject to final federal allowability review, partner scopes, and the executed project budget.

Category	Amount	Budget narrative
Personnel	\$180,000	Project director, partnership/data coordination, and administrative program support across the 36-month project period.
Fringe Benefits	\$36,000	Estimated fringe costs associated with grant-funded personnel, subject to the applicant's established benefit treatment.
Travel	\$15,000	Required minimum set-aside for OVW-sponsored training and technical assistance.
Equipment	\$0	No equipment is proposed.
Supplies	\$12,000	Accessible educational materials, printing, participant-facing materials, and secure program supplies.
Contractual	\$20,000	Interpretation, translation, accessibility services, background checks, specialized training, and limited evaluation support.
Subawards	\$200,000	Proposed allocations for behavioral-health implementation, qualified victim services, and participating school/district activities. Final amounts will be supported by approved scopes and partner budgets.
Other	\$25,000	Youth/caregiver participation supports, local transportation assistance, outreach, communications safety, and allowable participant-access costs.
Indirect Costs	\$12,000	Estimated indirect costs, subject to the applicant's final permitted rate and federal approval.
TOTAL	\$500,000	Total federal request for the 36-month project.

Budget controls

- Grant funds will cover only reasonable, allocable, necessary, and allowable costs associated with approved project activities.
- Medicaid-reimbursable or otherwise reimbursed clinical services will not be charged to the federal award.
- Each funded partner will have an approved scope of work, itemized budget, and appropriate subaward or contract classification under 2 C.F.R. Part 200.
- The budget excludes construction, land acquisition, major renovation, fundraising, lobbying, and unapproved incentives.

Three-year allocation

Period	Amount	Primary emphasis
Year 1	\$185,000	Partnership setup, staffing, training, school launch, and initial services.
Year 2	\$165,000	Full implementation, advocacy, school programming, behavioral-health coordination, and quality improvement.
Year 3	\$150,000	Full services, evaluation, sustainability, closeout, and dissemination.
Total	\$500,000	36-month federal request.

4. Packet Attachment Index

The submission email should include this packet and the completed Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424). The combined PDF supplied with this draft places the SF-424 after this narrative packet.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

☐ Preapplication ☒ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify):
* 3. Date Received: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.		4. Applicant Identifier: 	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 		5b. Federal Award Identifier: 	
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
* a. Legal Name: REACH Health & Wellness, Inc.			
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 99-4311241		* c. UEI: W6NQJFY71K93	
d. Address:			
* Street1: 1 North Charles Street			
Street2: Suite 220			
* City: Baltimore			
County/Parish: Baltimore City			
* State: Maryland			
Province:			
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES			
* Zip / Postal Code: 21201			
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: Maryland Student Success Network (MSSN)		Division Name: REACH Safe Futures	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Ivan		
Middle Name:			
* Last Name: Forney			
Suffix:			
Title: Chief Executive Officer			
Organizational Affiliation: REACH Health & Wellness, Inc.			
* Telephone Number: 410-357-6163		Fax Number:	
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

M - Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women

11. Assistance Listing Number:

16.888

Assistance Listing Title:

Consolidated and Technical Assistance Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence and Engage Men and Boys as Allies

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

O-OVW-2026-172652

* Title:

OVW Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Grant Program to Assist Children and Youth Affected by and to Engage Men and Youth in Preventing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Baltimore City, Maryland

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

REACH Safe Futures: Family Resilience and School Stability Initiative

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

MD-07

* b. Program/Project

MD-07

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

10/01/2026

* b. End Date:

09/30/2029

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

\$500,000

* b. Applicant

\$0

* c. State

\$0

* d. Local

\$0

* e. Other

\$0

* f. Program Income

\$0

* g. TOTAL

\$500,000

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on 09/08/2026 .☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

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