occurs in the context of family and intimate relationships, domestic violence, spouse abuse, partner abuse, battering of women, sexual assault, date rape, and acquaintance rape. The hotline also will serve those less directly affected by such abuse, e.g., relatives, children of victims and other family members, friends, neighbors, perpetrators and batterers, other concerned individuals, and the general public.

In terms of the scope of the services provided by the hotline, the statute requires the provision of "information and assistance" and "counseling and referral services." Therefore, the applicants' proposed design and plan for operating the hotline and responding to callers is important. However, the hotline is not expected to provide extended or long-term counseling or therapy services. The fuller discussion of a problem and consideration of options is done most appropriately at the local level, given the variation in laws and services available among the States and localities.

Finally, because domestic violence often contributes to isolation, helplessness, loss of self-esteem, and dependence, a self-help and empowerment model of services is needed. Such a model:

- Protects and assures safety for all victims and other family members;
- Builds on the strengths and resources of individuals and families;
- Offers options and support for independent decision-making based on specific individual and family needs and circumstances; and
- Assists individuals and families to obtain protection and needed services that are respectful of cultural and community characteristics.

Finally, we recognize that there is an inter-relationship between alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health (ADM) problems and domestic violence. Alcohol abuse has been demonstrated to contribute to violent behavior. Moreover, the abuse of alcohol coupled with other drugs is even more likely to be associated with severe battering incidents than is alcohol by itself. Victims of and or witnesses to domestic violence also may experience psychological consequences or turn to substance to ameliorate their pain. In addition to physical trauma resulting from acts of physical abuse, battered women suffer from a number of mental health consequences, including higher levels of depression, drug and alcohol abuse, suicide attempts, and low selfesteem. Many of the mental health consequences of spousal violence result from chronic intimidation and fear,

which are often as significant as the actual, acts of physical aggression. Witnessing spousal violence contributes to the cycle of violence outside the home. There is an increased likelihood of child abuse in homes where there has already been spouse abuse.

C. Eligible Applicants

Any private nonprofit agency, organization, institution, Tribal organization, or combination thereof, is eligible to apply for these funds. Any nonprofit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its nonprofit status in its application at the time of submission. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of the applicant's listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code or by providing a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate, or by providing a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

D. Availability of Funds

As authorized by section 316 of the Act, the Office of Community Services will award one cooperative agreement in FY 1995 of a maximum of \$1 million for the implementation of the toll-free rational domestic violence hotline. The source of these funds will be the Crime Bill Trust Fund.

Non-competitive continuation grant awards for each of years two through five (FYs 1996–1999) will be a maximum of \$850,000, subject to the availability of funds. This total represents \$400,000 from the Crime Bill Trust Fund for the operation of the hotline and \$450,000 to be used to carry out additional statutory and programmatic activities on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Office of Community Services (OCS).

Because the national hotline is viewed as a viable mechanism to achieve a number of specific aims, in each of years two through five CDC plans to provide \$250,000 under section 393 of the Public Health Services Act to provide additional support for State and local domestic violence hotlines in response to the demand generated by the national public awareness campaign; SAMHSA plans to provide \$100,000 under appropriate FY 1996 statutory authorities to enhance the hotline database to include ADM resources, support the training of

hotline staff to assure that they are knowledgeable about ADM involvement in incidents of domestic violence and can make appropriate referrals to ADM services, and, to the extent possible, collect such information from callers; and OCS plans to provide \$100,000 under section 305 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to support additional compilation and reporting of information based on calls to the hotline. These supplemental activities are described in greater detail as grantee requirements in Part II of this announcement.

Section 316 of the Act also states that funds appropriated and awarded from the Crime Trust Fund will remain available until expended, i.e., the \$1 million in FY 1995 and \$400,000 in FYs 1996–1999. This provides additional flexibility to the grantee in the timing and use of these funds. The funds for additional purposes in FYs 1996–1999 (\$450,000 in each of years two through five) must be expended by the end of the fiscal year following receipt of the funds.

E. Duration of Project

The Office of Community Services, in cooperation with CDC and SAMHSA, will award one grant, as a cooperative agreement, for up to five years (60month project period). The initial grant award, to be made on a competitive basis, will cover a 12-month budget period. Application for continuation funding beyond the initial 12-month budget period, but within the 60-month project period, will be considered in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to the approval of the Secretary, the availability of funds, the satisfactory performance of the grantee, and the determination that the continued funding and support of the project would be in the best interest of the government.

F. Cooperative Agreement

The Office of Community Services intends to support the national toll-free hotline through a cooperative agreement. A cooperative agreement is Federal financial aid in which substantial Federal involvement is anticipated. The responsibilities of the Administration for Children and Families and of the successful applicant will be identified and incorporated into the cooperative agreement during preaward negotiations. It is anticipated that ACF responsibilities will not change the project requirements found in Part II of this announcement.

The grantee will outline a plan of interaction with OCS for implementation under a cooperative