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Glendale City Court Receives \$400,000 Domestic Violence Grant
Grant from Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale City Court and the Glendale Domestic Violence Taskforce are making a special commitment to address issues concerning domestic violence.

The recent award of a \$400,000 grant represents the third consecutive Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant the Court and Taskforce have received. Additional grant partners include the Glendale Police Department and A New Leaf.

This award represents a total of \$1,200,000 in VAWA grants the Court has received since 2005. A portion of the grant will be used to continue two years of funding for special services rendered by the Court: the Compliance Specialist who verifies domestic violence convicted offenders are complying with counseling and other terms of their sentence; a Court advocate from A New Leaf who assists victims with protective orders and connects them to resources; providing judicial lunch hour coverage for protective orders to be issued and hearings held over the lunch hour; and overtime monies for Glendale Police officers to serve domestic violence warrants.

The new feature of the recent grant will provide a full time protective order service coordinator within the Glendale Police Department. This person will assist victims having their protective orders served within the cities of Surprise, Avondale, Peoria and Glendale. Protective orders are not in effect until they are served. By assisting victims with service of the orders within the four cities, domestic violence victims will be provided an important emergency safety tool. Once served, violations of the orders are enforced by the filing of a criminal complaint and arrest of the offenders. Support for the grant request was received by the non Glendale police agencies, the Governors Office and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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