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The Honorable Carolyn McGinn and Honorable Members of the Legislative Budget Committee:

Testimony on update of Domestic Violence Grants Chairman McGinn, Vice-Chair Rhoades and Honored Members:

The Kansas Department for Children and Families is providing up to \$2 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant funding for domestic violence/sexual abuse (DV/SA) programs targeted specifically to serve TANF recipients and non-TANF eligible participants who are DV/SA survivors.

Established organizations with experience in providing DV/SA services have been given the opportunity to apply for the grants through the RFP process. Applicants were asked to provide a comprehensive approach in providing DV/SA services in a manner conducive to DV/SA survivors in promoting safety planning, healthy relationships, responsible parenting, achieving self-sufficiency, obtaining gainful employment and family well-being.

Proposals are currently being accepted through October 12th, 2012. Grants will be awarded by November 2nd, 2012.

Key dates for DV/SA grants:

- The DV/SA Grant RFP was posted 09/20/12.
- Grant applications are due 10/12/12 by 5:00 PM.
- Notice of Grant Award on 11/02/12.
- Grant start-date will be 11/09/12.

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