



BRIAN ALLEN, Chief of Police

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Office of the Attorney General
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Sparks Police Department is formally requesting Federal STOP funds to provide effective and timely services to the residents and visitors of Sparks who have been victimized by domestic violence, sexual abuse and/or stalking by continuing to staff a second Victim Advocate position. While Sparks Police recognizes victims of all crime types by making a wholehearted effort to assist them, focus on victims of domestic violence addresses the dynamics of the cycle of violence that often begins at home. From assisting victims and their families of domestic violence to obtain temporary orders of protection, safety planning or providing explanations about the legal/criminal court process, Sparks Police Victims Services Unit will be readily available to facilitate or provide resources suitable to the victim's needs.

Our expected result is to empower the victims and families of domestic violence to use the resources available to break the cycle of violence and live in a safe and secure environment free from physical, psychological and emotional abuse. The Sparks Police Victims Services Unit intends to connect survivors of domestic violence with community groups and organizations that will benefit their wellbeing and foster their positive growth.

The Federal STOP funds will be specifically earmarked towards continuing to fund a Victim Advocate who will reach out to victims of all ages in domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. As our city grows, so too does the diversity of our citizens. Our bilingual Victim Advocate will continue to reach out to all victims, regardless of disability, age, race, ethnicity or primary language spoken. The Victim Advocate's bilingual skill is essential to meeting the cultural and language needs of a rapidly growing Hispanic community within the City of Sparks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Allen".

Brian Allen
Chief of Police

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