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# Raliance Awards Over Half a Million Dollars in Third Round of Grants to Prevent Sexual Violence

## **11 New Grants will Fund Programs, Policies and Strategies across the U.S.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Raliance, a national collaborative committed to ending sexual violence in one generation, announced today the eleven recipients of grants totaling more than \$515,000 that will fund promising efforts across the country to prevent sexual assault. This is the third round of an ongoing grant program seeking to advance projects, strategies or policies that improve responses to victims, reduce the likelihood of perpetration of sexual violence and strengthen communities' capacity to create safe environments. This diverse group of exceptional grant recipients joins 41 additional projects Raliance has invested in through one-year grants since 2016 totaling over \$2.3 million.

“We are proud to support the concrete solutions and prevention activities being accomplished each day in communities as determined as we are to end sexual violence,” said Karen Baker, Raliance managing partner and director of NSVRC. “Prevention is possible and it’s happening.”

Comprised of the [National Alliance to End Sexual Violence \(NAESV\)](#), the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center \(NSVRC\)](#) and [California Coalition Against Sexual Assault \(CALCASA\)](#)–[PreventConnect](#), Raliance was founded in 2015 through a multimillion dollar seed investment by the National Football League.

In November, Raliance launched the [Sport + Prevention Center](#), a one-stop-shop with online tools to create a sport culture that values every individual, reinforces healthy relationships and is free of sexual and domestic violence. Raliance is also actively supporting a cohort of diverse individuals to attend The Op Ed Project’s Write to Change the World seminar in cities across the country as it aims to uplift voices that often go unheard in mainstream media about sexual violence, its root causes, impacts and how to prevent it.

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The eleven grantees each fall into one of Raliance's three focus areas and received awards of up to \$50,000. The grantees are:

**Category 1: Services or advocacy for people who have been sexually victimized**

- **\$29,670 – 1in6** located in **Santa Clarita, CA** will create a free, anonymous, chat-based online support group program for partners of men who have experienced sexual abuse or assault.
- **\$50,000 – DC Rape Crisis Center** in **Washington, DC** will collaborate with VidaAfrolatina to explore long-term strategies for addressing child sexual abuse in Black Communities. The project will advance a policy roundtable and conduct a needs assessment of adult survivors of child sexual abuse, as well as support training.
- **\$35,720 – Faith Trust Institute** in **Seattle, WA** will create an educational resource for sexual assault advocates and allies on the importance of faith beliefs and religious culture in the lives of many sexual assault survivors.
- **\$50,000 – Women's Coalition of St. Croix** in **Christiansted, VI** will produce a weekly radio and podcast series to increase awareness and educate on child sexual abuse in the Virgin Islands. This project will prevent future abuse and increase collaboration among victim service providers.

**Category 2: Strategies for reducing the likelihood of people to sexually offend**

- **\$50,000 – Black Women's Blueprint** in **Brooklyn, NY** will expand the Emerging Sons project and use culturally specific education and messaging to help Black men and boys renegotiate Black masculinity.
- **\$50,000 – Impact Justice** in **Oakland, CA** will pilot *What We Needed*, a program to increase understanding about child-on-child sexual harm. Listening sessions will inform model policy recommendations to state and federal entities as well as an advocacy action plan to aid other states seeking similar action.
- **\$50,000 – Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa** in **Des Moines, IA** will develop a culturally specific curriculum for middle school boys in sports programs to recognize gender-based violence, interrupt harmful gender norms and increase awareness about community resources for survivors.

**Category 3: Organizational, systemic or community-level prevention strategies**

- **\$50,000 - Coordinadora Paz para la Mujer** in **San Juan, PR** will advance *Janguero con Sentido* (*Hanging-out with Sense, Hanging-out with Consent*), an initiative creating respectful and healthy college environments through awareness and educational activities on campuses, sport or other events.
- **\$50,000 – IMPACT** in **Boston, MA** will develop sexual abuse prevention programming and model policies for adaptive sports organizations that addresses the unique realities of athletic organizations for people with disabilities.

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- **\$50,000 – Men As Peacemakers / Men and Masculine Folks Network** in **Duluth, MN** will create a series of nine sexual violence prevention videos for the racial/ethnic communities in Minnesota: Hmong, Latino, Native American/Indigenous, African American/Black, queer folks and White. These videos will inform relevant engaging men trainings.
- **\$50,000 – Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault** in **Kansas City, MO** will help a network of 30,000 soccer coaches across the United States access resources to better understand and prevent sexual violence.

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## ABOUT RALIANCE

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