

**Community Organization Requesting Funds:**

**Contact Name: Annette Wooton**

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*Please answer the following questions. Please return this form no later than 5pm on March 2<sup>nd</sup> by email to [jtow@petersburgak.gov](mailto:jtow@petersburgak.gov) or deliver to the finance office. The information provided will be included in the Assembly packet for the noon, March 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting. Please be available to speak to the assembly regarding your request.*

**Amount Requested for FY 2017:**

\$46,536.00, we are seeking funds for personnel and operational cost.

**Have you received funding in the past? If so how were the funds used?**

Working Against Violence for Everyone, WAVE, has not received funds from the borough in the past.

In the past, WAVE was provided with office space before the Romiad building was torn down. (March 2012)

**How will the requested funds fit into your organization's strategic plan for operations? Please include who and how many community members would be served and the consequences of not receiving funding.**

WAVE is currently heading into a funding gap. Our funds from the state of Alaska will be ending June 30, 2016. The next victims service RFP with the State of Alaska will be open for FY18. We have applied for a very competitive federal grant but we will not know if we received funds till September 30. We are hopeful but not expecting to receive these funds. In 2015, 37 programs were funded from this federal grant.

We have worked with The Foraker Group to develop a strategic plan which includes preparing for our current funding situation by searching for multiple funding source including increasing our fundraising efforts, seeking larger donations, and applying for federal, state, and local funds as available. We have also worked with other organizations to research grant opportunities and will continue to seek funds from other sources.

According to the Alaska Victimization Survey 59% of women reported having experienced intimate partner violence. When compared with the national rate of 35.6% of women reporting similar episodes, it is clear that Alaskans are in need of advocacy, education and support for law enforcement response to sexual assault and domestic violence.

WAVE is the only program offering advocacy for sexual assault and domestic violence in the Petersburg area.

**Working Against Violence for Everyone, serves any victim of domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in the Petersburg Borough.**

**WAVE has served the following victims:**

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>2013 (PT employee, half year)</b>	<b>2014 (1 FT Employee)</b>	<b>2015 (1 FT Employee)</b>	<b>2016 (Jan-present)</b>
<b>Victims Served</b>	5	18	21	11

**If WAVE does not find a funding source we will return to a volunteer based system. We will lose our staff. We will no longer be able to hold regular office hours. A majority of our clients are people walking in to our office not calls to the crisis line. It is very hard for victims to reach out, it makes it only that much harder to reach out to a number, not knowing who is on the other end.**

***Please provide a current budget. (If you have already provided this information to the Borough please state that the information has previously been provided.)***

WAVE	FY 17
	7/1/16 -8/30/17
<b>Personnel Services</b>	
Salaries - By Position:	
FT Executive Director 15.25/hr	31,720
Fringe	5,116
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>36,836</b>
<b>Travel</b>	
Destination and Purpose:	
Training/Registration - TBD	0
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	
Rent/Leases	7,200
Communications	2,500
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>9,700</b>
<b>Commodities</b>	
Office Supplies	1,800
Program Supplies	1,000
Client Support	3,000
<b>Total Commodities</b>	<b>5,800</b>

<b>Equipment</b>	
Lease/Rental	0
Purchase	0
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Contractual</b>	
Payroll Services	500
Accounting software	432
Dues	540
Printing/Advertising	850
Other (Liability Insurance)	900
Crisis line	900
Fundraising	1,500
<b>Total Other Contractual</b>	<b>5,622</b>
<b>Total All Categories</b>	<b>57,958</b>
<b>Requested funds from borough</b>	<b>46,536</b>
<b>WAVE Fundraising</b>	<b>11,422</b>



## Working Against Violence for Everyone

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Petersburg, AK 99833

Office Telephone: (907)772-9283

24 Hour Crisis Line: (907)518-0555

[www.petersburgwave.org](http://www.petersburgwave.org)

February 29, 2016

Borough Assembly  
PO Box 329  
Petersburg, AK 99833

### Assembly Members:

Working Against Violence for Everyone, WAVE, is a powerful but quiet organization here in Petersburg that helps many people and works with several community organizations. Every year there is an increase in the number of clients seeking help and information. Since we have had the opportunity for a full time employee and a permanent visible office space, we have seen our numbers increase even more.

In 2013 when we did not have full-time staff, we serviced 5 victims. In 2014, we helped 18 victims. In 2015, 21, and since January we are at 11. These numbers are only victims seeking services. This does not include those who contacted WAVE seeking information only. WAVE maintains a 24-hour crisis line, and victims can chat with an advocate online, but most of our connections happen from people walking into the office for services, and who are often referred from Petersburg Police Department, Petersburg Medical Center, Petersburg Trial Courts, or Petersburg Mental Health Services.

In addition to victim services, WAVE also helps with protective orders, connecting with lawyers for child custody and divorce cases, emergency housing, victim support, connecting with local counseling services, food, emergency transportation, safety planning, and danger assessments. Other services WAVE provides are, consent and personal safety talks at the schools, office hours at the high school, the Petersburg Moms Support Group, and domestic violence and sexual assault training for EMS and the ministerial association.

In 2013, WAVE received a 2-year grant from the State of Alaska, beginning FY'14. WAVE was awarded an extra year of funding for FY'16. Unfortunately, the next Victim Services Request for Proposal from the state does not come out until FY'18. This leaves us with a 1-year funding gap. WAVE has worked hard to find other funding sources for operating costs. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of funding opportunities to cover operating costs for non-profits. We have worked with other agencies to find funding sources and have been unsuccessful. The loss of funding for even one year will create a huge hardship on our available services to victims.

For all that we do, WAVE needs help. Due to the aforementioned funding gap for FY'17, we are requesting that the Borough help fund WAVE's operating costs in the amount of \$46,536. This amount would cover salary of one employee, rent, utilities, and the crisis line for one year. Our normal operating

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budget is \$62,005. We plan to continue fundraising efforts for the additional amount to cover other costs, such as professional services, office supplies, and training. WAVE is such an important part of our community, and we would greatly appreciate your funding consideration to help us through this next year.

I would be happy to meet with anyone to answer any questions, or perhaps show you the office. You are also welcome to speak with any of our board members. You can contact me at the office 907-772-9283, my cell 907-650-7262, or at director@petersburgwave.org.

Thank you again for your consideration,

Annette Wooton, Executive Director



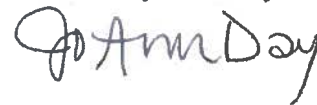
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Petersburg Christian Ministerial Association  
c/o Bob Carter, First Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 712  
Petersburg, AK 99833

March 3, 2016

Petersburg Borough Assembly  
PO Box 329  
Petersburg, AK 99833

Subject: Petersburg WAVE request for funding

Dear Assembly:

The Petersburg Christian Ministerial Association, in its March 1 meeting, agreed to offer this letter in support of Petersburg WAVE's request for funding through the Borough operating funds.

We believe that the importance of having a full-time, paid director is vital to the ongoing operation and future of WAVE. Trust is a critical component for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in seeking assistance to exit dangerous and harmful environments. For the past few years Annette Wooton has worked tirelessly to increase the visibility of WAVE in Petersburg and to become its familiar face and develop trust. Having an office that is available for drop-ins with someone there to speak with is an important component of this trust. To lose this position now has the very real potential of undoing all the positive work that has been done to make Petersburg safer for victims and survivors of DVSA.

The Petersburg Christian Ministerial Association asks that the Assembly consider and approve Petersburg WAVE's request for funding for this upcoming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Carter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob Carter, President  
Petersburg Christian Ministerial Association