

**Office for Victims of Crime**  
**Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance**  
**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The following pages detail the supplemental performance measures for the Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance grant program.

## GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The primary goal of this project is to enable domestic violence shelters to become pet-friendly so that victims of domestic violence and their pets may seek safe shelter together. A large majority of domestic violence shelters do not allow pets, and the reasons for this may vary. Therefore, this program will provide funding for shelters that want to be able to house domestic violence victims and their pets.

This program supports projects that provide the following:

1. Emergency and transitional shelter and housing assistance for domestic violence victims with companion animals. This includes modifications to existing structures to provide for housing animals and the operating expenses of newly developed or existing emergency and transitional companion animal shelters for companion animals.
2. Short-term shelter and housing assistance for domestic violence victims with companion animals; including expenses incurred for the temporary shelter, housing, boarding, or fostering of their companion animals and other incidental expenses that secure the safety of such animals.
3. Support services designed to enable persons who are fleeing a situation of domestic violence to locate and secure safe housing with their companion animal; safe accommodations for the victim's companion animal; or companion animal-related services, such as transportation, care services, and other assistance.
4. Training resources for relevant stakeholders on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of companion animals; the needs of victims of domestic violence; and best practices for providing support, services, and referrals.

## STRUCTURE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire includes supplemental performance measures that are asked of Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance grantees during each semiannual reporting period.

## REPORTING PERIOD

Grantees must report on these supplemental performance measures in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) on a semiannual basis, until further notice. Below is a table detailing the submission deadlines:

Semiannual Reporting in JustGrants		
Reporting Period	Submission Period	Deadline
January 1–June 30	July 1–30	July 30
July 1–December 31	January 1–30	January 30

If you have any questions about the performance measures, please email the OVC Performance Management Helpdesk at [ovcpmt@usdoj.gov](mailto:ovcpmt@usdoj.gov), or call toll free at 844-884-2503. If you have any questions about the JustGrants system, please visit <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov> for resources.

## GRANT ACTIVITY

### 1. Was there grant activity during the reporting period?

*Instruction: Grant activity occurs when the grantee has obligated, expended, or drawn down grant funds to implement objectives proposed in the OVC-approved grant application. An answer of Yes indicates that the program is operational and should remain so until the grant closes out.*

A. Yes

B. No (If No, please explain why there was no grant activity during the reporting period)

### 2. Were any companion animals co-located on-site with victims of domestic violence?

A. Yes

B. No (If No, please skip to question 5)

### 3. Total number of companion animals served on-site with the victims.

### 4. Select the types of expenses, support services, or general supplies that were required to provide safe accommodations for the companion animals.

Transportation

Care services

Crates, cages, or stalls

Other (If Other, please provide an explanation below):

### 5. Were any companion animals referred to a partner organization or agency while the victims stayed on site?

A. Yes

B. No (If No, please skip to question 9)

### 6. How many companion animals were referred to a partner organization or agency?

7. Of the companion animals who were referred to a partner organization or agency, how many were each of the following?

Companion Animals Referred to a Partner Organization or Agency	Number of Companion Referred to a Partner Organization or Agency
Pets (i.e., any domesticated animal)	
Service Animals	
Emotional Support Animals	
Horses	
Other (If Other, please provide an explanation)	

8. Please explain why companion animals were referred to a partner organization or agency.

9. What was the average length of time (in days) that victims with companion animals received services from the OVC grantee organization?

10. Were any victims and companion animals served longer than the 24-month period of allowability?

- A. Yes  
B. No (If No, please skip the remainder of the questions)

11. How many victims were served longer than the 24-month period of allowability?

12. Select applicable reasons why victims with companion animals were housed longer than 24 months.

- Victim was unable to acquire permanent housing with companion animal during required timeframe
- Physical or mental health-related challenges faced by victims
- Extended court orders of protection
- Extended court proceedings
- Other (If Other, please provide an explanation):