

RI Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2018 to Sept 30, 2019]

This aggregated data is self-reported by the grantees and subgrantees in each state/territory.

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2016-VA-GX-0073	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056
Federal Award Amount	\$7,618,402.00	\$6,379,467.00	\$11,117,181.00	\$7,614,712.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$7,240,393.00	\$6,428,508.00	\$9,204,508.00	\$48,502.00
Total Number of Subawards	42	33	48	1
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$378,009.00	(\$49,041.00)	\$1,912,673.00	\$7,566,210.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
<small>The total number of subgrants represents all subgrants funded across all federal awards active during the reporting period. The number is not unique as there are subgrantee organizations that are continuously funded from each federal award.</small>				
Type of Organization	2016-VA-GX-0073	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056
Government Agencies Only	9	0	8	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	1	0	1	0
Juvenile Justice	3	0	1	0
Law Enforcement	1	0	0	0
Prosecutor	1	0	1	0
Other	3	0	5	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	33	33	40	1
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	1	0	1	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	5	3	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	0	8	8	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	0	4	2	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	2	1	1	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	28	14	18	1
Other	2	1	7	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based organization	0	0	0	0
Juvenile justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Other justice-based agency	0	0	0	0
Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
Campus-based victims services	0	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	42	33	48	1

*This number is not unique across fiscal years as there are subgrantee organizations that are funded from multiple federal awards.

Subaward Purpose				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	2016-VA-GX-0073	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056

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A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	39	18	18	1
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	2	9	14	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	2	6	18	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds

A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique

	2016-VA-GX-0073	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	41	31	44	1
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	33	25	35	1
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	38	28	39	1
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	16	13	22	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	35	22	32	1
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	42	33	47	1

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2016-VA-GX-0073	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$1,228,164.00	\$53,769.00	\$584,837.00	\$24,251.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	1.00 %	5.00 %	0.00 %
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$1,698,455.00	\$3,452,528.00	\$4,769,028.00	\$12,101.00
% of Total Federal Award	22.00 %	54.00 %	43.00 %	0.00 %
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$1,708,961.00	\$533,381.00	\$992,069.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	22.00 %	8.00 %	9.00 %	0.00 %
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$2,604,613.00	\$2,388,830.00	\$2,858,574.00	\$12,150.00
% of Total Federal Award	34.00 %	37.00 %	26.00 %	0.00 %

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2016-VA-GX-0073	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056
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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	41320	667	386	12
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	121300	98594	594094	1560
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	249	123	313	2
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	23814	8703	17499	150

AGGREGATED SUBGRANTEE PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA

Victimization Type						
Victimization Type	Number of Subgrantees Indicating Intent to Serve This Victim Type	Number of Individuals Who Actually Received Services Based on a Presenting Victimization				
		Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average
Adult Physical Assault (includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)	54	1332	1832	1902	2368	1858
Adult Sexual Assault	68	491	784	853	905	758
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	52	286	297	453	492	382
Arson	12	5	1	6	6	4
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	39	446	547	836	889	679
Burglary	27	105	83	104	172	116
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	44	670	827	870	854	805
Child Pornography	31	14	28	31	76	37
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	1	736	912	872	834	838
Domestic and/or Family Violence	6	7290	9284	11095	11869	9884
DUI/DWI Incidents	1	55	46	44	562	176
Elder Abuse or Neglect	34	138	171	218	198	181
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	1	39	34	149	178	100
Human Trafficking: Labor	28	35	43	39	42	39
Human Trafficking: Sex	2	322	156	181	234	223
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	24	140	235	202	213	197

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Kidnapping (non-custodial)	16	21	16	17	19	18
Kidnapping (custodial)	16	9	6	12	13	10
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	14	106	160	140	136	135
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	19	95	45	48	65	63
Robbery	34	93	76	142	162	118
Stalking/Harassment	58	433	460	590	707	547
Survivors of Homicide Victims	26	99	44	282	201	156
Teen Dating Victimization	35	85	107	135	127	113
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	5	0	23	11	6	10
Other	2	1133	1495	1614	2042	1571

Special Classifications of Individuals

Special Classifications of Individuals	Number of Individuals Self Reporting a Special Classification				
	Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	20	31	44	43	64
Homeless	692	745	795	920	1456
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	572	696	677	721	1291
LGBTQ	484	375	359	665	1152
Veterans	53	54	38	66	97
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	722	809	714	1002	1643
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	679	845	1109	1139	1837
Other	192	274	238	528	795

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	56128	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	10850	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	39032	69.54 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	12899	22.98 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	11307	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	157	0.40 %

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Asian	552	1.41 %
Black or African American	3450	8.84 %
Hispanic or Latino	3987	10.21 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	108	0.28 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	14219	36.43 %
Some Other Race	599	1.53 %
Multiple Races	761	1.95 %
Not Reported	10485	26.86 %
Not Tracked	4714	12.08 %
Race/Ethnicity Total		39032
Gender Identity		
Male	6489	16.62 %
Female	20409	52.29 %
Other	631	1.62 %
Not Reported	6893	17.66 %
Not Tracked	4610	11.81 %
Gender Total		39032
Age		
Age 0- 12	2581	6.61 %
Age 13- 17	1500	3.84 %
Age 18- 24	5104	13.08 %
Age 25- 59	16250	41.63 %
Age 60 and Older	2145	5.50 %
Not Reported	7464	19.12 %
Not Tracked	3988	10.22 %
Age Total		39032

Direct Services				
Service Area	# of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category	# of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services	Specific Service	Frequency of Service
A. Information & Referral	86	28329	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	49079
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	14210
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	15531

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	21416
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	79	17485	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	526
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	394
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3452
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	30952
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	5
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	2437
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	1287
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	1250
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	3088
			B10. Interpreter services	4667
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	87	29261	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	9776
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	18036
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	787
			C4. Individual counseling	12490
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	1945
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	2036
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	626
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	40	1738	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	3724
			D2. Transitional housing	4907

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	1118
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	63	14528	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	11136
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1743
			E3. Assistance with restitution	1869
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1423
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	891
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	84
			E7. Immigration assistance	380
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1348
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	2213
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	5836
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1399			

ANNUAL QUESTIONS

Grantee Annually Reported Questions

Question/Option	Count
Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?	
Yes	0
No	1
Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.	0
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	0
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	1
Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?	
Yes	0
No	1
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
None	

Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.

We held a workshop for potential grantees to apply for 2019 VOCA funds.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

No policy changes during this reporting period.

Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.

When there is a crime involving domestic violence or sexual abuse there is usually a response from the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence or Day One, the sexual assault trauma treatment center.

Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.

Family Service of Rhode Island conducts The Rhode Island State Victim Assistance Academy (RISVAA) training for professionals in the field of victim services. For eleven years they have held an annual State Victim Assistance Academy. The Academy is designed to bring service providers together in an interactive, educational setting to encourage creative thinking about ways to best help victims of crime and to build collaborative partnerships within the victim services community. The 40-hour curriculum that was developed by a multidisciplinary steering committee is presented by experts in the field. The curriculum included: Victim Sensitivity; LGBTQ* Cultural Competence; Ethics in Victim Services; Trauma Across the Lifespan; Navigating the Justice System (arrest through parole); Victims Rights; overview of state and federal victim resources; Restorative Practices; Compassion Fatigue; and, Self-Care. On Day 4, the attendees can choose among various specialized topics to customize their educational experience, including Victimization in the Military; Cyber Crimes; Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking; Critical Issues in Addressing Domestic Violence; Immigration & Victimization; Forensic Interviewing; Child Grief & Loss; Victimization & Substance Use; Homicide Victim Response; and, Victimization & Individuals with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities, among others.

Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.

There are no issues at this time.

Please describe ways that your agency promoted the coordination of public and private efforts within the community to help crime victims during the reporting period.

The Crime Victims Service Provider Project Steering Committee meets monthly during the reporting period. Chaired by the Director of Victim Services, RI Department of the Attorney General and coordinated by the Project Director, Committee members include representatives from Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI), the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, the Rhode Island Treasury Department's Victim Compensation Funds, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Day One (service victims of sexual assault), the Nonviolence Institute, Roger Williams University's Justice Training and Research Institute, and Sister Overcome Abusive Relationships.

Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.

The Statewide coverage of having victim advocates in all the 39 cities and towns to assist the police with the victims of crime.

Please discuss each priority (i.e., child abuse, domestic assault, sexual assault, and underserved) in which VOCA funds have been used to assist crime victims during the reporting period

VOCA funds are being used to help many of the above referenced victims through various agencies in our state. Some examples are: Child Abuse - The Aubin Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital is an active clinical program providing a comprehensive range of services to over 1,000 children each year. The Aubin Center is a Safe Zone : and is known throughout the hospital for having an environment and staff that provides supportive care to any victim population. The Aubin Center does not discriminate against any/all of the following victims: previously underserved /uninsured, racial or ethnic minorities, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay Bi-Sexual, and Transgendered), intellectually impaired or different-abled, has interpreters for languages other than English and visually/hearing impaired and work with developmentally delayed children. This is the only facility that offers comprehensive medical care to victims of all forms of child maltreatment. They address not only the victim's medical needs, but the psychosocial, and mental health concerns associated with abuse. They coordinate necessary mental health referrals, law enforcement and prosecution involvement. Domestic Assault - Progreso Latino's AYUDAME program educates women and men victims of domestic violence of their basic rights as victims, allowing them to make timely decisions such as the adoption of a safety plan to ensure their security and that of their dependents. They provide comprehensive case management services including emergency housing, employment, emergency food assistance and crime victim compensation. They support them throughout the legal process from the filing of the restraining order to the court hearing, delivering bilingual, culturally competent individual counseling to victims of domestic violence at Progreso Latino and at various shelters in Rhode Island.

Sexual Assault. They have individual and group support to address both short and long-term traumatic impacts of sexual violence. The counselor also ensures that clients have accurate information about reporting options, helps clients to manage emotional needs and traumatic triggers during criminal justice proceedings, assists with filing for victims of crime compensation, and offers appropriate referrals for additional services as needed. Underserved - Tri-County Community Action Agency's Victim Advocacy Program provides comprehensive support services to Elderly, D/deaf and Hard of Hearing victims of crime through all phases of the criminal justice process. Services include but are not limited to: crisis intervention, emergency services, assistance securing translation services including ASL, assistance in filing police reports, obtaining protective orders, securing legal representation, filing for victim compensation and/or restitution, assistance in obtaining mental health counseling, assistance registering in the Victim's Assistance Portal, transportation to legal appointments and proceedings, emergency shelter, and changing of locks and related needs to maintain physical safety post victimization.

Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.

In Rhode Island Victims of Federal crime are treated without differentiation from any other crime.

Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.

There has been an increase of the number of individuals requesting services for domestic violence counseling. The number of victims has not increased only the number of individuals requesting services.

Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.

There are no staff retention issues currently.

Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.

The funding process begins with the VOCA administrator mapping out a timeline of Request for Proposals events for the upcoming year. Once the RFP process has been mapped, the RFP receives any appropriate updates based on federal VOCA guideline changes before being finalized and passed on to the advisory committee with note of the changes. The VOCA Administrator and the VOCA Grant Project Specialist send emails with the attached RFP and call the agencies in the State of Rhode Island that assist with victims informing them of the RFP, the application deadline and the date and time of the mandatory application workshop. Within the timeframe of a month to a month and a half of announcing the RFP, PSGAO conducts the workshop for the applicants and the applications arrive shortly thereafter. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the administrator distributes the applications to each VOCA Advisory Committee member. The Committee then meets and reviews the applications regularly between May and September and makes recommendations to the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Policy Board, which makes the final funding approval decisions.

Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.

We continually update our process according to the needs assessment and gap analysis that was recommended: This past reporting period the RIPSOG sent out emails and made phone calls to underserved victim service agencies with information about the RFP Press Release along with an invitation to attend the VOCA 2019 Workshop. This resulted in many new agencies applying for funds.

Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.

The needs assessment and gap analysis recommended that one-year grant awards made it difficult for the sub-grantees to manage their programs. The PSGAO did give out many two-year awards with the 2016, 2017 and 2018 VOCA funds but was unable to do so with the 2019 VOCA funds. The PSGAO was awarded \$7,614,712 for the 2019 award and received 90 applications totaling \$28,000,000 in requests for funds. It was a very difficult process for the Advisory Committee to cut \$20,000,000 in requests. We were only able to give out one-year awards due to the volume of requests.

Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.

None as of this time.