

VI 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-0016	2017-VA-GX-0005	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016
Federal Award Amount	\$1,197,986.00	\$1,072,967.00	\$1,574,785.00	\$1,219,852.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$910,552.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	5	0	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$59,899.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$227,535.00	\$1,072,967.00	\$1,574,785.00	\$1,219,852.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
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.				
Type of Organization	2016-VA-GX-0016	2017-VA-GX-0005	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016
Government Agencies Only	0	0	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	5	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	1	0	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	2	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	1	0	0	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	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	5	0	0	0

*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-0016	2017-VA-GX-0005	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016

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A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	5	0	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	0	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-0016	2017-VA-GX-0005	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	4	0	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	4	0	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	4	0	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	2	0	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	4	0	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	5	0	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements				
Priority Area	2016-VA-GX-0016	2017-VA-GX-0005	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$287,801.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	24.00 %			
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$390,029.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	33.00 %			
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$107,404.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	9.00 %			
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$125,317.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	10.00 %			

Budget and Staffing				
Staffing Information	2016-VA-GX-0016	2017-VA-GX-0005	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016

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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	21			
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	10			
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	6			
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	12549			

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)	4	47	44	101	46	59
Adult Sexual Assault	3	44	51	86	38	54
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	2	47	49	82	41	54
Arson	1	3	3	3	2	2
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	2	11	20	42	10	20
Burglary	2	6	6	13	7	8
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	1	42	44	51	41	44
Child Pornography	1	0	2	5	1	2
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	2	12	10	33	6	15
Domestic and/or Family Violence	3	172	264	431	276	285
DUI/DWI Incidents	1	1	2	2	2	1
Elder Abuse or Neglect	2	16	18	35	16	21
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	2	1	2	0	1	1
Human Trafficking: Labor	1	2	2	1	1	1
Human Trafficking: Sex	2	3	2	2	1	2
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	0	1	0	5	1	1

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Kidnapping (non-custodial)	0	2	2	2	2	2
Kidnapping (custodial)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	1	2	0	2	0	1
Robbery	3	3	7	11	8	7
Stalking/Harassment	3	21	36	62	44	40
Survivors of Homicide Victims	2	87	56	37	16	49
Teen Dating Victimization	3	15	16	17	12	15
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	6	9	17	1	8

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	4	3	3	3	34
Homeless	25	28	44	13	158
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	28	23	31	26	175
LGBTQ	11	6	15	6	43
Veterans	4	6	13	2	37
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	26	15	32	19	105
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	26	38	120	32	181
Other	0	0	0	0	16

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	2504	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	69	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	1387	55.39 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	331	13.22 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	120	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.07 %

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Asian	8	0.58 %
Black or African American	730	52.63 %
Hispanic or Latino	460	33.17 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.07 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	115	8.29 %
Some Other Race	55	3.97 %
Multiple Races	17	1.23 %
Not Reported	0	0.00 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	1387	
Gender Identity		
Male	367	26.46 %
Female	1019	73.47 %
Other	1	0.07 %
Not Reported	0	0.00 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Gender Total	1387	
Age		
Age 0- 12	215	15.50 %
Age 13- 17	180	12.98 %
Age 18- 24	321	23.14 %
Age 25- 59	596	42.97 %
Age 60 and Older	75	5.41 %
Not Reported	0	0.00 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Age Total	1387	

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	4	855	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	345
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	297
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	235

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	472
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	4	827	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	71
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	7
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	68
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	515
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	0
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	120
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	156
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	55
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	272
			B10. Interpreter services	74
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	4	1097	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	591
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	410
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	70
			C4. Individual counseling	884
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	86
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	60
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	219
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	3	238	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	215
			D2. Transitional housing	22

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	57
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	4	626	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	155
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	49
			E3. Assistance with restitution	11
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	148
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	172
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	66
			E7. Immigration assistance	52
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	14
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	58
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	199
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	88			

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.	0
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.	
N/A	

Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.
N/A
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.
N/A
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.
Noted below are the earned media coverage event during the reporting period: Women s Coalition of St. Croix: participation on a local radio talk show and television on all major events. Family Resource Center: distribution of school supplies to children at Chicken and Bowling; for the domestic violence march, child/abuse/sexual assault march. Issachar K. Tigre Chinnery Foundation Victims United, Inc.: participation on a local radio talk show on the frequency and severity of gun violence in the territory.
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.
1. Services providers collaborate with other providers and agencies thru the hosting of outreach events that provide the opportunity to promote availability of services and crisis intervention. 2. Child advocacy centers provided pre-service and on-going victim advocate training to volunteer advocates and staff. 3. Victim service agencies coordinated services with the local Department of Human Services, the local police department and other non-traditional services to provide services to victims. 4. The legal advocate agency collaborates with other services providers such as the Court, law enforcement to assist victims of crime. Assisted victims with getting compensation. 5. State agency and service providers participated in domestic violence and sexual assault council meetings. 6. Collaborative efforts between organizations providing services to survivors of homicide victims.
Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.
Issues that Prevent Assistance 1. Some judges are hesitant to allow advocates in the domestic violence courtroom 2. Lack of resources, recruitment, training and available foster homes presents challenges to properly place children in protective/foster care. 3. Sensitivity concerns among some the prosecutors in the prosecution office 4. Title IV E funds have been recently introduced. However, there appears to be systemic challenges in applying the Title IV E funds (to support foster care services in the territory) 5. Stigma associated with homicides and gun violence often cause survivors of homicides victims to retreat from seeking assistance and masking their pain. 6. Stability issues and appropriate resources due to the effects of the two destructive hurricanes of 2017 and the lack of resources. Many people are still in recovery and displaced and services are at a bare minimum in most cases. 7. Challenges in providing emergency shelter since the shelter was destroyed by the hurricanes. Providers have had to use alternative housing when available. 8. Staff shortages in the mental health fields and lack of funding available to replace staff who have left and or retired.
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.
1. State agency encouraged collaboration among victim service providers and governmental agencies. 2. Encouraged the participation of victim and social service providers in community outreach efforts bringing awareness of services for victims of crime. 3. Service providers have been able to assist victims through the participation and coordination of the services and assistance garnered from the involvement in the Child Abuse Task Force, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council and other related groups
Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.
1. Made funding available to service programs at significantly higher levels than prior years 2. Conducted regular monitoring and compliance reviews. 3. Provided technical assistance to subgrantees and potential subgrants where applicable or when requested.
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
During the reporting period the VOCA Assistance funding allowed for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, survivors of homicides victims to receive services that included but not limited to advocacy, individual counseling, support/group counseling, other related service referrals. VOCA funding also supported a domestic violence shelter and provided other emergency housing options to victims.
Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.

1. Provision of victim centered services to federal crime victims, maintaining working relation with the Victim Witness Coordinator office (at the District Attorney s Office) 2. Provided assistance to victims referred by the Dept. Homeland Security with immigration related matters 3. Service providers collaborated with local and federal law enforcement agencies, and other organizations providing services to victims of crime.

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

Below are several issues affecting victim services as noted by service providers; 1. Changes in immigration laws. 2. Unemployment 3. Housing shortage since the hurricanes in 2017. No emergency housing or homeless shelters on the islands of St. Croix. 4. Challenges within our local government with Title IV E funds and the amendment of our local laws. 5. Increase in domestic abuse cases and family violence because people are forced to cohabitate due to lack of affordable housing. 6. The lack of services geared towards survivors of homicide victims needs. 7. Victim compensation is not rendered to survivors in cases where the victim is somehow involved

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

Agencies that reported staffing retention issues cited the following issues: 1. The fallout of the two 2017 Category 5 hurricanes resulted in loss of staff as some program staff relocated from the territory due to the devastation. 2. Programs are also reported the challenges in offering lucrative benefit packages to maintain or attract potential staff. 3. Programs reported challenges in locating a site for the program after the hurricanes

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

The availability of victim assistance funding is publicized in the local print media, radio and when possible online.

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

Funding is directed through the request for proposals process. The solicitation invites proposals to address underserved populations.

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

Responding to gaps in services during the reporting period was aided by; 1. Providing training to service providers to enhance services directed at survivors of homicide victims 2. Utilizing volunteers to provide services to assist victims and survivors 3. Making appropriate referrals to other agencies to address the gaps or needs 4. Children advocates have been addressing systemic issues impacting the care and welfare of foster care and protective children.

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

Awarded agencies and their funded amount are reported to the governor and the legislature. Included in the report is a description of the program scope, types of services and the number of persons served.