## **ME Annual State Performance Report**

## Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2019 to Sept 30, 2020]

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

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds							
	2017-VA-GX-0082	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038			
Federal Award Amount	\$7,910,255.00	\$13,885,282.00	\$9,506,170.00	\$7,147,730.00			
Total Amount of Subawards	\$6,092,414.00	\$8,164,448.00	\$9,832,231.00	\$0.00			
Total Number of Subawards	29	15	15	0			
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Balance Remaining	\$1,817,841.00	\$5,720,834.00	(\$326,061.00)	\$7,147,730.00			

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	2017-VA-GX-0082	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038				
Government Agencies Only	19	10	10	0				
Corrections	0	0	0	0				
Courts	1	0	1	0				
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0				
Law Enforcement	2	1	1	0				
Prosecutor	16	7	7	0				
Other	0	2	1	0				
Nonprofit Organization Only	8	5	5	0				
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0				
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	2	2	2	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	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0
Other	4	2	2	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	2	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	2	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	29	15	15	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							
	2017-VA-GX-0082	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038			
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	29	15	15	0			

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B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	1	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	0	0
D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> 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

A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique							
	2017-VA-GX-0082	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038			
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	26	2	13	0			
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	19	0	7	0			
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	17	1	9	0			
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	7	0	3	0			
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	29	2	15	0			
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	29	2	15	0			

Priority and Underserved Requirements								
Priority Area	2017-VA-GX-0082	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038				
Child Abuse								
Total Amount	\$1,448,254.00	\$1,393,746.00	\$2,166,721.00	\$0.00				
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	10.00 %	23.00 %					
Domestic and Family Violence	e							
Total Amount	\$1,008,539.00	\$3,635,411.00	\$3,723,825.00	\$0.00				
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	26.00 %	39.00 %					
Sexual Assault								
Total Amount	\$1,778,971.00	\$1,139,836.00	\$1,322,106.00	\$0.00				
% of Total Federal Award	22.00 %	8.00 %	14.00 %					
Underserved								
Total Amount	\$1,855,627.00	\$1,995,455.00	\$2,619,578.00	\$0.00				
% of Total Federal Award	23.00 %	14.00 %	28.00 %					

Budget and Staffing				
Staffing Information	2017-VA-GX-0082	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	385	347	348	

Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	324469	564945	574264	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	134	153	273	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	41883	46698	56198	

#### AGGREGATED SUBGRANTEE PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA

### Victimization Type

	Number of	Number of Individuals Who Actually Received Services Based on a Presenting Victimization					
Victimization Type	Subgrantees Indicating Intent to Serve This Victim Type	Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average	
Adult Physical Assault (includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)	12	1738	1716	1128	1606	1547	
Adult Sexual Assault	12	604	764	583	558	627	
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	9	50	51	36	39	44	
Arson	9	36	40	22	25	30	
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	7	402	392	257	264	328	
Burglary	10	518	533	258	353	415	
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	1	405	473	307	347	383	
Child Pornography	8	15	16	15	12	14	
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	12	728	757	483	595	640	
Domestic and/or Family Violence	14	5383	5232	4120	5141	4969	
DUI/DWI Incidents	9	60	51	36	62	52	
Elder Abuse or Neglect	11	111	104	88	104	101	
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	5	0	1	1	2	1	
Human Trafficking: Labor	4	4	5	3	4	4	
Human Trafficking: Sex	7	83	66	55	54	64	
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	11	1563	1426	675	893	1139	
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	6	30	24	8	16	19	
Kidnapping (custodial)	7	9	7	7	12	8	

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Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	9	78	101	57	106	85
Robbery	10	99	87	67	101	88
Stalking/Harassment	14	806	802	545	800	738
Survivors of Homicide Victims	1	287	290	222	284	270
Teen Dating Victimization	5	36	30	19	16	25
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other	5	4337	3573	3532	3111	3638

**Special Classifications of Individuals** 

	Number of Individuals Self Reporting a Special Classification						
Special Classifications of Individuals	Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average		
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	12	16	16	18	59		
Homeless	736	708	550	598	2241		
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	100	72	50	55	418		
LGBTQ	94	91	77	78	308		
Veterans	50	44	52	49	178		
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	555	531	457	544	2414		
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	96	72	55	65	383		
Other	3	2	0	0	4293		

# General Award Information Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year. Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year Number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year

Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.2878958.81 %Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during<br/>the Fiscal Year?1136923.22 %Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.544

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethinicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	103	0.36 %
Asian	50	0.17 %
Black or African American	338	1.17 %

Number

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Hispanic or Latino	104	0.36 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	0.03 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	8446	29.34 %
Some Other Race	174	0.60 %
Multiple Races	71	0.25 %
Not Reported	12276	42.64 %
Not Tracked	7219	25.08 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	28789	
Gender Identity		
Male	2508	8.71 %
Female	12634	43.88 %
Other	44	0.15 %
Not Reported	6505	22.60 %
Not Tracked	7098	24.66 %
Gender Total	28789	
Age		
Age 0- 12	1095	3.80 %
Age 13- 17	713	2.48 %
Age 18- 24	1519	5.28 %
Age 25- 59	8694	30.20 %
Age 60 and Older	1283	4.46 %
Not Reported	8393	29.15 %
Not Tracked	7092	24.63 %
Age Total	28789	

Direct Services				
Service Area	# of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category	# of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services	Specific Service	Frequency of Service
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	48201
A. Information &	14	33682	A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	26692
Referral		55002	A3. Referral to other victim service programs	6306

			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	9494
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	397
		5 7606	B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	183
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	413
B. Personal Advocacy/ 6 Accompaniment			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	26970
	6		B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	1017
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	55
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	359
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	99
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	1096
			B10. Interpreter services	60
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	36791
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	19325
C. Emotional Support or Safety	7	14374	C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	263
Services			C4. Individual counseling	5263
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	4497
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	0
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	1436
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
D. Shelter/ Housing	2	1500	D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	30730
Services	2	1523	D2. Transitional housing	16534

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	2603
		5 34429	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	20973
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1020
			E3. Assistance with restitution	12922
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System 16 Assistance			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	13078
	16		E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	7016
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	1082
			E7. Immigration assistance	19
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	556
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	300
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	4022
		E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1672	

## 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.			
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 ager reporting period?	ncies) during the		
Yes	1		
No	0		
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.			
No program or educational materials were developed during this reporting period.			

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

#### Not applicable

#### Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

The Department of Health and Human Services implemented policies to rectify OIG recommendations and continues to work on our policy and procedure manual. Examples of policies implemented during the reporting period include Match Policy, Priority Area Policy, Subgrantee Monitoring Policy, and Reimbursement Policy. DHHS also created a subrecipient monitoring tool with feedback from federal program officers.

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

Media coverage of events/episodes were not earned during the reporting period.

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

During this reporting period, coordinated responses for assisting crime victims occurred through collaboration between domestic violence service providers, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement, and community partners, when appropriate. Examples include The Domestic Violence (DV) Liaison Program in which DV Advocates partner with Child Protective Service Workers on individual cases when domestic violence is suspected in the home. Additionally, The Child Advocacy Centers in Maine coordinate with local responders in child sexual assault disclosures and reports. This coordinated response includes many stakeholders such as local law enforcement, the Department of Education (if the child discloses to a teacher or guidance counselor while at school), Child Protective Services, mental health providers, forensic interviewers, family advocates, District Attorney's Offices, etc.

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

DHHS continues to find ways to increase support to victims located in rural areas of the state. Our state's geography continues to be challenging, especially around transportation, emergency shelter services, and support groups. The COVID-19 pandemic also has complicated existing challenges within our state while creating entirely new barriers to service. Examples include Meeting with survivors of domestic violence in person for court advocacy, support groups, or youth advocacy in schools. Alternatively, online support groups for sexual assault survivors are becoming more popular in our state because some survivors find it easier to attend virtual support groups. Safe text/chat for victims of sexual violence was established with our SA coalition during this reporting period and significantly increased access to advocacy.

## 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.

DHHS required coordinated responses and routine collaboration of our contractors, serving victims of crimes. These contractors include Victim Witness Advocates working in local District Attorney's Offices, statewide coalitions serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine, the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, Legal Services for the Elderly, and Pine Tree Legal Assistance Inc.

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

A full-time position dedicated to VOCA was created last funding cycle. The position was filled and trained during this funding cycle. Our new Violence Prevention Program Coordinator was hired on August 5th, 2019. This was instrumental in ensuring grant compliance during staff turn-over because our former Violence Prevention Program Manager left.

## 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

Child Abuse: This priority was met by providing funding to the statewide Children's Advocacy Centers housed within the Maine Coalition to End Sexual Assault (MECASA) and the DV liaison program housed within the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV). Sexual Assault (SA): Victims of sexual violence are served through local SA organizations that are managed by the statewide coalition MECASA. Victim Witness Advocates are also funded with VOCA dollars and work at local District Attorney's Offices to assist victims of violence on a one-to-one basis. Additionally, the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program within the Maine Judicial Branches also serve victims of violence. Domestic Violence: Victims of domestic violence are served through local DV organizations that are managed by the statewide coalition MCEDV. Victim Witness Advocates are also funded with VOCA dollars and work at local District Attorney's Offices to assist victims of a work at local District Attorney's Offices to assist victims of a Native American Tribe. over the age of 65. and surviving family members of

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homicide victims. During this reporting period, we initiated a new contract with the Immigrant Refugee Center of Maine (IRCM) to directly fund and support their work around victims of sexual violence and/or domestic violence within immigrant and refugee communities and first- and second-generation Mainers. Our contracts with the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine and the legal services for the elderly continue to support victims of violence in Maine over the age of 65. Additionally, we are initiating a partnership with "MaineTransNet," a statewide organization serving transgender victims of sexual violence. This process includes consideration for membership within the statewide SA coalition for the next reporting period.

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

The Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network (Maine STEN) is a program of our SA coalition and our Statewide Provider Council. Maine STEN provides training, technical assistance, and resources to direct service providers engaged in anti-trafficking efforts in Maine, as well as community awareness. Through a continued collaborative effort between DHHS, local coalitions, law enforcement, the Attorney General's Office, and other community providers, the addition of multiple safe houses, including emergency shelter procedures for survivors of human sex trafficking, continue to be managed and improved upon.

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

DHHS continued its collaboration with community partners and other state agencies to identify safe and sustainable housing options for crime victims. The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the challenges to sustainable housing issues for victims of crimes.

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

Our community partners and coalitions are experiencing retention issues because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Qualified staff members of local organizations are juggling childcare needs, limits to working from home, and COVID-related illnesses and deaths.

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

DHHS is currently developing a website in which this information will be available to the public.

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

DHHS directed funds to underserved populations via contracting directly with local providers working with immigrants, refugees, and first and second-generation Mainers as well as victims over the age of 65. Additionally, DHHS provides funding to our DV and SA coalitions who partner with community organizations prioritizing underserved populations and fund staff positions dedicated to this issue.

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

DHHS met monthly with providers to identify gaps in services and develop a plan of action for each service provider. Within this reporting period, DHHS has also initiated the RFP process to local agencies to help with a statewide victim needs assessment.

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

Victims of crime that have accessed our VOCA-funded services reported that they now were "more aware of community resources available to them; better able to plan for their safety;" and "more aware of what to expect throughout legal processes."